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THE OLD RECORDS
OF THE
TOWN OF FITCHBURGH
MASSACHUSETTS

1764—1789

A COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT OF THE TOWN MEETINGS AND SELECT-
MEN'S RECORDS CONTAINED IN THE FIRST THREE HUNDRED
AND TWENTY-FOUR PAGES OF THE FIRST VOLUME OF
THE OLD RECORDS OF THE TOWN, BEING

VOLUME ONE

OF THE PRINTED RECORDS OF THE TOWN

COMPILED BY

WALTER A. DAVIS, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF FITCHBURG, MASS.

IN CITY COUNCIL, Feb. 16, 1897.

The joint standing committee on finance, to which was referred the recommendation in the Mayor's inaugural relating to copying the old town records, recommend the adoption of the following order:

ORDERED, That the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800) be, and the same is, hereby appropriated for the purpose of copying and printing the original town records from 1764; said sum to be charged to incidental account.

HENRY F. ROCKWELL,	}	<i>Committee on Finance.</i>
E. F. BELDING,		
A. A. TRAIN,		
J. E. DEMPSEY,		

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Feb. 16, 1897.

Report read, accepted, and order adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

WALTER A. DAVIS, *Clerk.*

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Feb. 16, 1897.

Read, accepted, and order adopted. In concurrence.

FRED A. TOLMAN, *Clerk.*

MAYOR'S OFFICE, FITCHBURG, MASS., Feb. 17, 1897.

Approved.

HENRY F. ROCKWELL, *Mayor.*

A true copy. Attest:

WALTER A. DAVIS, *City Clerk.*

INTRODUCTION.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,

FITCHBURG, MASS., August 31, 1898.

This volume contains an exact transcript of the Old Records of the Town of Fitchburgh for the first twenty-five years. It begins with the act of incorporation, February 3, 1764, and extends to March 2, 1789.

The printer's copy has been carefully prepared by Mrs. Fannie B. Davis, Miss Edith L. Davis and Miss Lucy A. Hayward. The manuscript being old and discolored, and written by so many different clerks, the task of copying it is not the easiest thing imaginable.

To give our readers an idea of the original book, I had Mr. J. C. Moulton photograph some of the pages, from which plates were made by the Heliotype Engraving Company of Boston, Mass.

I am also very much indebted to Mr. J. F. D. Garfield, Secretary of the Fitchburg Historical Society, for many suggestions and much valuable assistance. He furnished the pictures of Thomas Cowdin and wife, and Joseph Fox, whose likenesses appear in the book. It was thought that, as Mr. Cowdin and Mr. Fox were such prominent men in the early town affairs, it would be very proper that their pictures should appear in this volume. An attempt was made by Mr. Garfield to obtain from the Massachusetts Archives in the State House, Boston, copies of the petitions referred to in Article 2, Page (277); Articles 6, 7 and 8, Page (285), and Articles 10 and 11, Page (287), under date of October 3, 1786. This he was unable to do, but he did discover some interesting petitions which he copied, and they are reproduced as an appendix in this book.

The work of printing the book has been executed by the Sentinel Printing Company of this city, with commendable zeal and care. The excellent typographical appearance of these pages is due to the skill and painstaking efforts of the members of this printing establishment, who have suggested freely of their knowledge during the progress of the work. The index has been prepared under the immediate supervision of Frank C. Hoyt, foreman in the printing office, to whom I am indebted for many valuable suggestions.

The figures at the top of the pages indicate the paging of the transcript. The heavy figures enclosed in brackets represent the paging of the original book.

It is hoped that a perusal of the book will prove interesting, not alone to students of history, but to all persons who may wish to acquaint themselves with the conditions and misfortunes which surrounded our ancestors just previous to and following the Revolutionary war.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WORCESTER SS.

FITCHBURG, August 31, 1898.

I, WALTER A. DAVIS, City Clerk of the City of Fitchburg, hereby certify that the following, beginning with page 5, and ending with page 324, is a true and correct copy of so much of the Old Records of the Town of Fitchburgh as are contained in Volume 1, from February 3, 1764, to March 2, 1789, except that the title, paging, explanatory marks and notes have been added in the present volume.

Walter A. Davis.

City Clerk.

Subscribed and sworn to before me.

[Seal.]

HARRISON BAILEY, *Notary Public.*

Anno Regni Regis Georgii Tertii Quarto

An act for setting off the Inhabitance as also the Estates of the
Westerly part of Lunenburg into a separate Town By the Honors
of fitchburg

Be it Enacted by the Governor Council & house of Representatives
that the Inhabitants with their Land on the Westerly part of
Lunenburg beginning at such a place on ~~Lunenburg~~ Leominster
Line as that a straight Line therefrom may Run between the
Lands of Mose^{us} Paul Wetherby and Jonathan Wood to a Stake &
thence a small Distance to the Westward of Mary Holt's house then
Turning and Running North 10 Degrees & a half East to the Southern
Corner of Ephraim Whitney's Land then to keep the Easterly
Line of said Whitney's Land to the Northeast Corner thereof
and from that Corner to Run Northwardly on the Easterly
Line of John White's Land to the Northeastwardly corner thereof
and from that Corner to Run North four Degrees East to Tompkins
Line then Running west thirty one Deg^s & an half South on
Tompkins Line to Dorchester's Corners Line then Turning on
some Deg^s West Eight miles and an Hundred and forty Rods
to Dorchester's Corners Line to Westminster Line then Turning
thence ^{thence} minuter South three miles and thirty rods
to a heap of Stones in Leominster Line then Turning and Running
to the Bound's first mentioned be and Ready is set off and Enacted
into a separate Town by the name of Fitchburg and that the
said Town be Invested with all the Powers Privileges and Immu-
nities that other Towns in this Province do or may by Law
enjoy that of sending a Representative to the General
assembly only Excepted and that the Inhabitants of said Town
shall have full power and Right from Time to Time to Join
with the said Town of Lunenburg in the Choice of a Representative
or Representatives and be Subject to pay their proportionable
part of the Charges whomay be Chosen either in the Town of
Lunenburg or Town of fitchburg For which Choice they
shall Enjoy all the Privileges which by Law they may

THE OLD RECORDS

OF THE

TOWN OF FITCHBURGH.

[5] Anno Regni Regis Georgii Tertie Quarto

An act for Setting off the Inhabitance as also the Eftates of the Wefterly part of Lunenburg Into a Seperate Town by the Name of fitchburgh

Be it Enacted by the Governar Councill & houfe of Reprefentatives that the Inhabitants with their Lands on the Wefterly part of Lunenburg beginning at Such a place on Leominfter Line as that a Straight Line therefrom may Run between the Lands of Mefs^{as} Paul Wetherby and Jonathan Wood to a Stake & Stone a Small Diftance to the Weftward of Mary Holts houfe then Turning and Runing North 10 Degres & a half East to the Southeast Corner of Ephraim Whitneys Land then to Keep the Eafterly Line of Said Whitneys Land to the Northeast Corner thereof & and from that Corner to Run Northwardly on the Eastwardly Line of John Whites Land to the Northeastwardly corner thereof and from that Corner to Run North four Degres East to Townfand Line then Running West thirty one Deg^r & an half North on Townfhand Line to Dorchester Cannada Line Then Turning fouth Nine Deg^r Weft Eight miles and an Hundred and fourty Rods on Dorchester Cannada Line to Westminster Line then Turning East Eleven Deg^r thirty minutes South three miles and thirty one Rod to a heap of Stones in Leminfer Line then Turning and Runing to the Bounds firft mentned be and herby is fet off and Erected Into a Seperate Town by the name of Fitch-

burgh and that the Said Town be Invested with all the Powers Privileges and Immunities that other Towns in this Province do or may by Law enjoy that of sending a Representative to the General assembly only Excepted and that the Inhabitants of Said Town shall have full power and Right from Time to Time to Joyn with the Said Town of Lunenburg in the Choise of a Representative or Representatives and be Subject to pay their proportionable part of the Charges who may be Chosen Either in the Town of Lunenburgh or Town of fitchburgh In which Choise they shall Enjoy all the Priviledges which by Law they would [6] have been Intitled to if this act had not bin made and the Select men of the Town of Lunenburg shall Issue their Warrant to one or more of the Constables of the Town of fitchburgh Requireng them to Notifie the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh of the Time and place of their meting for Such Coise . . .

Provided Nevertheles and be it further Enacted that the said Town of fitchburgh shall pay their proportion of all Town County and province Taxes already set on or Granted to be Raised by said Town of Lunenburg as if this act had not been made.

And be it further Enacted that Edward Hartwell Esqr be and herby is Impowerd to Issue his Warrant Directed to Som principal Inhabitant in Said Town of fitchburgh Requiring him to Notifie and warn the Inhabitants of Said Town Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affaiers to meet at Such Time and place as Shall be therein Set forth to Chuse all Such officers as Shall be Necessary to manage the affairs of Said Town

february 2^d 1764 this bill haveing been Read three feveral Times in the House of Representatives Pafsed to be Enacted

Timothy Ruggles Speaker

febuery 3^d 1764 this Bill haveing been Read three feveral Times in Councill pafs^d to be Enacted

A Oliver Secry

february 3^d 1764 by the Governor I Consent to Enacting this Bill Fra Barnard

A True Copy Exa^d pr Jn^o Cotton

D Seery

A True Copy . . Ephraim Whitney Town Clerk

Worcester fs To m^r Amos Kimball of the Town of
Fitchburgh in the County of Worcester Gentleman Greeting

Whereas I am ordered by the Grate and General
Court to Issue [7] my Warrant Directed to Some principal
Inhabitant of Said Town Requireing him to Warn
the Inhabitants of Said Town Qualified to Vote in Town
affaires to assemble at some fuitable place in said Town
to Chooſe all Neceſſary officers to manag the affaires of
said Town

(ſeal) Theſe are therefore In his Majesties name to
Require you the Said Amos Kimball forthwith to Notifie
and warn the Inhabatants of Said Town Qualified by
Law to Vote in Town affaires to assemble at Capt Samuel
Hunts new Dwelling house in Said Town one monday
the fifth Day of march at Ten of the Clock in the fore-
noon then & their being Duely assembled to act on the
Sevral articles hereafter mentioned that is . . .

1st to Chuse a moderator for the Government of said
meting

2^{ly} to Chuse a Clark to Enter and Record all Votes
& orders.

3^{ly} to Chuse Select men and all other town officers
for the year Insuing as the Law Directs

4^{ly} to agree and Vote what Day in the month of
march the anual Town meting shal be for the futter . .

5^{ly} to agree and Vote how and in what maner the
Town metings shal be warned for the future

here of fail not and make Due Return

Given under my hand and Seale at Lunenburg this fif-
teenth Day of febuery in the forth year of his majests
Reign Anno que Domini 1764.

Edward Hartwell Juſtis of peſe

Worcester fs. Fitchburgh march the 1 1764

In obedience to the Within precept I have Notified the
Inhabitants Within mentoned to assemble & meet at time

& place Within mentioned for the purposes within mentioned according to the Tenor of the within Instrument
pr Amos Kimball

at a Legal meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh Qualified by Law to Vote in Town [8] affairs on monday the fifth Day of march A D 1764 at the House of Cap^t Sumuel Hunts in Said fitchburgh

The Town being assembled Voted & Chose
m^r Amos Kimball moderator &

2^y Chose Ephraim Whitney Town Clark

3^y Chose Mef^{rs} { Amos Kimball
David Goodridge
Samuel Hunt
Ephraim Whitney
Ruben Gibfon
Select men for fitchbrg

4^y Chose m^r Ephraim Kimball Town Treasurer . .

5^y Chose Mef^{rs} John White & Thos Dutton Wardens

6^y Chose m^r John White Constable

7^y Chose Mef^{rs} . . . { John fitch
Ebenezer Bridge
Phinehas Steward
Kindal Boutall
Tho^s Dutton
Survayors of high ways

8^y Chose Mef^{rs} James Pool & Joseph Spafford Tything man

9^y Chose Mef^{rs} Soloman Steward & Ifaac Gibfon fence veivers

10^y Chose m^r Soloman Steward Serveyor of Shingles & Clabords

11^y Chose m^r Jonathan Wood a Culler of hoops & ftaves

12^y Chose m^r Phinehas Steward & Tho^s Gary Hogg-reaves

13^y Chose Mef^{rs} Will^m Chadwick & Silos Snow Deer Reavs

14^y Chose m^r Will^m Steward Sealer of Leather

15^y Chose mef^{rs} Ezra Whitney & Hezekiah Hodgkins fierwards

16^{ly} Chose m^r David Goodridge a Seveiar of Wheat

17^{ly} Voted the annual metting be for the future on the first mondy of march

18^{ly} Voted that the Constable or Conftabls for faid Town for the future Warn all Town meetings

Amos Kimball moderator

. [9] Fitchburgh march the 5 1764 The Several perfons afore mentioned who were chosen by the Town of fitchburgh to the Several offices aforf^d appeared and took the oaths by Law Requird to Enable them to Execute the Several bufinesses of their Respective offices after having first Taken the oath Respecting the Receiveing & pafsing the bills of Credit of the Neighbouring Goverments . . Sworn befor us

Amos Kimball	} Select men of the Town of fitchburgh
David Goodridge	
Epr ^m Whitney	
Ruben Gibfon	

Worcester fs To m^r John White Conftable of the Town of fitchburgh in the County of worcester Greeting . .

(feal) These are In his majests name to Require you the faid John White forthwith to Notific and warn the Inhabitants of faid Town Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to asemble & meet at Cap^t Samuel Hunts new Dwelling house in faid Town on mondy the 26 day of march Instant at twelve of the Clock at noon then and there being Duly met and formed to act on the folowing articles hereafter mentioned that is first to Chuse a moderator for the Goverment of faid meeting . . .

2^{ly} to see what method the Town will Come into for the mending of high ways for the year Ensuing and to Raife money for the same if they think proper

3^{ly} to see if the Town will measure to find the Centre of faid Town and to Chuse a Commite for the same and to Give them Such Instructons as they shall think proper.

4^{ly} to hear the accounts of the Committee that has been Imployd for for Gitting the Town of Fitchburgh & for having the same Incorporated and to see if the Town will Vote money for paying the same

5^{ly} to Vote any sum or sums of money for Defraing of Necifary Charges in said Town as they fhall think proper

6^{ly} to See if the Hoggs Shall Run at Large for the present year

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warant to one of us at or befor the Day of said meting Given under our hands & seal at fitchburgh this Twelfth Day of march in fourth year of his majefts Reign A D 1764

Samuel Hunt	} Select men of fitchburgh
David Goodridge	
Ephraim White	
Ruben Gibfon	

[10] Worcest^r fs fitchburgh March the 24 1764

In obedience to the Within Written Instrument I have Warnd the Inhabitants Within mentioned to assemble and meet at Time & place Within mentioned for the purposes within mentioned according to the Tenor of the Within Inftrument

pr John White Conftable

At a Legal meeting of the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh Duly Qualified by Law to Vote in Town meetings at the new Dwelling house of Cap^t Samuel Hunts in 1st fitchburgh on monday the 26 Day of march 1764 The Town being met Voted and Chose m^r David Goodridge moderator

2^{ly} Voted to Raife forty pounds by a Rate on the Inhabitants &c to mend High ways and that Each of the Inhabitants who work at the ways be allowed four pence pr Hour and one Shiling & four pence pr Day be allowed for a yoak oxen for a Cart & plough 8 pence per Day Each

3^{ly} Voted that Kendall Boutall Ruben Gibfon & Jonathan Wood be a Committee to provide a Surveyor and with his asistance find the Center of the Town

4^{ly} Amos Kimball Layed his accounts for Servise Done the Town in procureing the Enorporation of the Town & some other articles and Voted by the Town to pay him thirteen pounds & nine pence in Discharge of his account

4^{ly} Capt Samuel Hunt Laid his account befor the Town & Voted by them to pay him Eight Shilings & Eight pence in Discharge of the Same

5^{ly} Voted to pay m^r John fitch one pound two shilings & five pence to Discharge his account

6^{ly} Voted to pay Ephriam Whitney one pound one shiling & four pence in Discharge of his account

7^{ly} Voted to pay m^r Jonathan Wood fifteen shilings in Discharge of his account

8^{ly} Voted that the Inhabitants be Taxd for the same sums Which shall be Collected acording to Law

9^{ly} Voted that Eight pounnds be Raifed by Tax on the Inhabitants to Defray Contingent Charges that may arise

10^{ly} Voted that the Hoggs may Run at Large the present year

pr David Goodridge moderater.

[11] Worcest^r Is fitchburg Septr the 12 1764

In obiance to the Within Written Infrement I have Warned the Inhabitants Within mentined to asemble and meet at Time & place within mentioned for the purposes within mentioned according to the Tenor of the Within instrument

pr John White Conftable

at a Legal meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh Duely Qualified by Law to Vote in Town meetings at the new Dwelling House of Cap^t Tho^s Cowdins In f^{al} fitchburgh on Wenfday the twelf Day of Sepem^r 1764 The Town being meet Voted & Chose Amos Kimball moderater

2^{ly} Voted that there be two Scools in f^{al} Town & that m^r John fitch & Kindal Boutwell & their neighbors shall have the benifitt of their scoole money in order to provide schooling amonge them felves

3^{ly} Voted that Eight pounds be Raifed in order to provide a scoole master in f^{al} Town

4^{ly} Voted Amos Kimball Ephr^m Whitney & Tho^s Dutton be a Scoole Conite

5^{ly} Voted that Amos Kimball Ephr^m Kimball & Tho^s Dutton be a commite to provide a Bueering yard in f^{al} Town

*6^{ly} that two miels on the Westerdly Line begining at the northwesterdly Corner and Half a mile on the Easterdly Line Begining at the north Easterly Corner on Townsand Line there Runing a Straite Line from Corner to Corner be Sott off to mr John fitch & others in order for them to Joyn a part of Townsand & a part of Dorchester Canady in order to make a Town or parish among them felvs and that the rd John fitch & others be freed from paying aney thing to the Setteltment of a minifter or for Bulding a meeting House in rd Town of fitchburgh

7^{ly} m^r Ruben Gibfon Laid his account before the Town and Voted by them to pay him fix shilings

8^{ly} m^r Ifaac Gibfon Laid his a Count befor the Town & Voted by them to pay him fix shilings

9^{ly} Voted that fix pounds be Raifed by a tax on the Inhabitents to Defray Contingent Charges that may a Rife in rd Town

at a Leagual meting of the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh Duely Qualafied by Law to Vote [12] in Town Meetings at the House Cap^t Tho^s Cowdins in rd fitchburgh on monday the twenty fecond Day of octobr 1764

first Voted & Chose Ifaac Gibfon moderator

2^{ly} Voted to Joyn Groton & others in potifoning the Grat & General Coart for a new County

3^{ly} Voted and Chose David Goodridge Amos Kimball & Tho^s Cowdin a Committee to Confer with the Committee of Lunenburg Chosen by rd Lunenburg to manige the afair of rd County

4^{ly} Voted that the forth artical in rd meting fhould be pafst over

(feal) Worcest^r fs to m^r John White Conftable of the Town of fitchburgh in the County of Worcest^r Greeting

Thefe are therefore in his majeftis name to Requier you

*Ashby. [Annotation on the margin.—W. A. D.]

the ^{fd} John White forthwith to notify and warn the free holders & other Inhabitants of ^{fd} Town Quallifyd by Law to Vote in Town meetings to asemble & meet at Capt Tho^s Cowdins House Inholder in ^{fd} fitchburgh on monday the twenty sixth Day of Novembr Infent then & there being Duely meet & formd to act on the folowing articals here after mentioned that is first to Chouse a moderator for the Goverment of ^{fd} meeting

2^{ly} to See if it be the minds of the Town to have preaching the Winter Infuing & to Vote aney thing Refering there to as they Shall think proper

3^{ly} to See if the Town will make Choice of sum Convenient place for Seetting a meeting house & Vote aney thing Refering there to as they fhall think proper . . .

4^{ly} to See if it be the minds of the Town to be preparing of Stuf for the Buielding of a meeting house & to see What methoad they will Come Into for having the same provided

5^{ly} to know the minds of the Town of what Demenfon they would have the meting house

6^{ly} to See if the Town will Chonse a Committee to Carrey on the Bifness of Buielding a meeting in ^{fd} Town & to Give [13] such Instructons as they fhall think proper

7^{ly} to see if the Town Will Rais aney Sume or Sumes of money for Buielding a meeting house in ^{fd} Town . . .

Here of fail not & make Due Return of this Warrant to one of us at or before the Day of ^{fd} meeting . . .

Given under our hands & seal at fitchburgh this twelfth Day of Novembr and in the fourth year of his Majefts Reign A D 1764

Worcester fs fitchburgh November the 26 1764

In obedience to the Within Written Warrent I have notified & Warned the free holders & other Inhabitents to appear at time & place within mentioned to act on the articals within mentioned acording to the tennor of the Within Instrument

Pr John White Constable

at a Leagal meeting of the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of fitchburgh Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings at the House of Cap^t Tho^s Cowdins in Holder in f^d Town on mondy the 26 Day of Novembr 1764 . . .

Firstly Voted & Chose David Goodridge moderator . . .

2^{ly} Voted that they will have six Sabath Days preaching the Winter Infuing

3^{ly} Voted that Eph^m Whitney David Goodridge & Eph^m Kimball be the Committee to provide preaching for the present

4^{ly} Voted that m^r Petter Whitney & m^r Rufell be the Gentlemen the Committee apply them selvs to first for preaching in f^d Town

5^{ly} Voted that the meeting be adjoyrnd for one over

6^{ly} Voted that the place for Seting a meeting House be in a field Called Cap^t Tho^s Cowdins Whet yard nigh Decon Amos Kimballs mills in the most Convenint place therein

7^{ly} Voted that they will be provideing Stuff for the Building of a meeting House in said Town

8^{ly} Voted that the Town have the Benifit of providing of all Nefesarys as to Timbers &c for the Building of a meetin house in f^d Town in Such maner as the Commitee Shall think proper

[14] 9^{ly} Voted that it be Left to the Committe to Say What the hight of the meeting House fhall be . . .

10^{ly} Voted that David Goodridge Eph^m Whitney & Tho^s Cowdin be a Committee to manage & take the care of Bulding the meeting house in f^d Town

11^{ly} Voted & Chose Eph^m Whitney Amos Kimball & Eph^m Kimball a Committee to agree with Cap^t Tho^s Cowdin for a Convenient plase for to set a meeting House in f^d Town Even the Land a bove Voted & made Choice of & to take Secuerity of the Land in Behalf of the Town . .

12^{ly} Voted that fifty pounds be Raised for the Bulding of a meeting house in f^d Town

13^{ly} Voted to have the preaching in Cap^t Tho^s Cowdins House in said Town

Worcester ss fitchburgh Decembr the 17 1764

To m^r John White Cunstable of the Town of fitchburgh in the County of Worcester Greeting . . .

these are therefore in his Majestis name to Require you the said John White forthwith to Notify & Warne the free Holders & other Inhabitents in f^d Town Quallified by Law to Vote in Town meetings to assemble & meet at Cap^t Tho^s Cowdins house in f^d Town on mondy the 24 Day of Deembr at one of the Clock in the afternoon then and their Being Duely met and formd to act on the folowing artels hereafter mentioned that is first to Chuese a moderator for the Government of f^d meeting . . .

2^{ly} to See if the Town Will Reconsider aney part of the former former Vote Relating to the Inhabitants of the Towns Being Employed in Giting Timber for the Bulding a meeting house in f^d Town

3^{ly} to See if the Town Will Leet out the Hueing and framing of the meeting House to m^r Timothy parker or Impowr the Committee So to Do or vote aney thing Refering there to as they shall think proper

4^{ly} to See if the Town Will Give the Committee aney further Instructions chofen by them for the Carrying on the afare of Bulding a meeting house in f^d Town

Here off fail not & make Due Return of this Warrant Unto one of us at or Before the Day of f^d meeting Given under our hands at fitchburgh Decembr the 17 A D 1764 and in the fifth year of his majests Regn

[15] Worcester ss fitchburgh Decembr the 24 1764

In obediance to the Within precept I have Notified the Inhabitents Within mentioned to appear at Time & place Within mentioned for the purpofes Within mentioned acording to the tenor of the Within Instrumant

p^r me John White Constable

at a Legal meting of the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh Duely Qualified by Law to vote in Town affaers at the house of Cap^t Tho^s Cowdins in f^d fitchburgh on mondy the 24 Day of Decembr at

one of the Clock in the after noone the Town Being meet Voted & Chose David Goodridge moderator . . .

2^{ly} Voted that the former vote Refering to the Towns Having the Benifet of the Gitting the Timber for the Buelding a meeting Houfe in f^l Town in part be Reconfid-
erd

3^{ly} Voted that m^r Timothy Parker huew & fraime the meeting Houfe the Town finding the Timber for two hundred & fifty pounds old tenor fifty pounds being paid when the timber is hued

4^{ly} Voted that the Committee be Impowerd to agree with m^r Timothy Parker to hue & fraime the meeting houfe & to have the Same Ready by the 17 Day of august to Rafe

5^{ly} Voted that the Committe be Impowerd to provide all Nefafaries for the finifhing the meeting Houfe . .

(feal) Worcefer fs To m^r John White Cunftabl of the Town of fitchburgh in the County of Worcestre Greeting

Thefe are therfor in his majefts name to Requie the f^l John White forthwith to notify & warn the free holders & other Inhabitents quallifyd by Law to Vote in Town meetings to afemble & meet at the Houfe of Cap^t Tho^s Cowdins in f^l Town on monday the forth Day of march next at nine of the Clock in the fournoon then and their Being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articals [16] hereafter menfoned that is firft to Chufe a moderator for Government of f^l meeting

2^{ly} to Chufe Select men & all other Town officers for the year Infuing as the Law Directs

3^{ly} to See What method the Town Will Com into for mending the High Ways & to Raife money for the Same or Vote aney thing Refering there to as they fall think proper

4^{ly} to hear the Several aCounts of the Sevares for the year pafst

5^{ly} to Except of Such Roads as the Select men Shall Lay out or Caufe to be Laid out by their order.

6^{ly} to See if it be the minds of the Town to make application to the Grate & General Court for to have a

tax Laid on the Wild Land in f^l Town & to Chouse a man or men to manag the Bufines as they fhall think proper

7^{ly} to hear the a Counts of thofe men that have Dun Servis for the Town & to Rais money for paying the same if they Shall think proper

8^{ly} to hear the Requeft of Eph^m OZorn & others that is to See if the Town will Reconfider their Vote Refpecting the placing of the meeting Houfe & Votte to place it near the Center of f^l Town the better to acomodate Sundry of the Inhabitents who Seam Diffatisfied With the place alredy appointed for Building f^l meeting Houfe

9^{ly} to See if the Town Will Votte that the Hogs Shall Run at Large the prefent year

Hereof faile not and make Return of this Warrant unto us at or before the Day of f^l meeting

Given under our hands & seal at fitchburgh this fourteenth Day of february & in the fifth year of his majeftes Reign A D 1765

Amos Kimball	} Select men for fitchburgh .
David Goodridge	
Eph ^m Whitney	
Ruben Gibfon	

[17] Worcefter fs fitchburgh march the 2 1765

In obedience to the within warrent I have notified & warned the free holders & other Inhabitants to appear at time & place within menfhoned to act on the articales within menfhoned acording to the Tenor of the Within Infrement

Pr John White Conftable

at a Legal meeting of the free Holders & Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh Quallified by Law to Votte in Town afairs at the Houfe of Cap^t Tho^s Cowdins in f^l fitchburgh on mondy the forth Day of march 1765 the Town being meet Votted and Chofe Cap^t David Goodridge moderator

2^{ly} Voted & Chofe Cap^t David Goodridge De^a Amos Kimball & Cap^t Tho^s Cowdin Select men for f^l Town . .

- 3^{ly} Votted & Chose Eph^m Whitney Town Clark . . .
- 4^{ly} Votted & Chose Eph^m Kimball Town Treafurer .
- 5^{ly} Votted & Chose Phinehas Steward Conftable in
the Rum of James Poole
- 6^{ly} Votted & Chose Ifaiah Witt & James Poole War-
dens
- 7^{ly} Votted & Chose Will^m Chadweek & Soloman
Steward Tythingmen
- 8^{ly} Votted & Chose Tho^s Gary Silos Snow & Jona-
than Wood & Jefse french & Samuel Sanderfon Survars of
High Ways
- 9^{ly} Votted & chofe Kindall Bouwell & Ifaac Gibson
Dear Reafs
- 10^{ly} Votted & Chose Ebenezer Bridge & Eph^m Ozburn
be men to take Care of the fier the year Infuing . . .
- 11^{ly} Votted & Chose Niclos Danforth & Samuel Parce
hogg Revs
- 12^{ly} Votted & Chose Phinhas Steward Survayer of
Shingls & & Clabords
- 13^{ly} Votted & Chose Jonathan Wood Survayer of
hups & ftavs
- 14^{ly} Votted & Chose Jacob Steward Sealer of Leather
- 15^{ly} Votted & Chose Jofeph Spafford & Hezekiah
Hodgkin fence Vewers
- 16^{ly} Votted and Chose Tho^s Cowdin Survayer of
Wheet
- 17^{ly} Votted that the High Ways be mended by a tax
Laid upon the Inhabitants in maner as was the Laft
year
- 18^{ly} Votted that forty pounds be Raifed for mending
the high Ways
- 19^{ly} Votted Exept the Road from Jonathan Woods
to Decon Amos Kimballs mill if the Land be Given that
is begining at f^d Woods and fo Runing on Common Land
to De^a [18] Eph^m Pearcees Land & throw f^d Pearcees
Land to Land of m^r Emerfons & through a Corner of f^d
Emerfons Land to Land of one m^r mace & through f^d
mace Land to Cap^t Tho^s Cowdins Land & throw f^d Cow-
dins Land to f^d mace Land a gain & through f^d Cowdins
Land & on f^d maces Land to Lands of Decon Kimball &

so on f^d Cowdins & f^d Kimballs Lands unto the Road near the Bridge Called Kimballs Bridge f^d Road to be two Rods wide Diferibed by marks on the north side of f^d Road

Jonathan Wood }
David Goodridge } Committe
Tho^s Cowdin }

20^{ly} Votted that the Road be Exepted from m^r Ifaac Gibfon to m^r Tho^s Duttons if Given that is Begining at the north west Corner of Joseph Spaffords Land & Running southerdly on Common Land to the fouth westerd Corner of Will^m Chadwick Land then Runing on the Line Betwen Niclos Danford & m^r meeds one Rod on Each then Runing to the North eastrdly Corner of Ifaiah Witts Land then Runing Southerdly to the Brook then Runing a Strate Line to the Rode Betwen Jefse french & Tho^s Dutton to the County Road . . .

Ifaac Gibfon }
Ruben Gibfon } Committe
Ifaiah Witt }
Will^m Chadwick }

21^{ly} Votted that the Road be Exepted from m^r James Richardsons to mr Phinehas Steward so frar as the Land fhall be given & now farther that is Begining at Leominftor Line through m^r James Richerdsons Land to Will^m Stewards Land & through f^d Stewards Land to Samuel Parces Land & through f^d Parces Land to phinehas Stewards Land & upon f^d Stewards Land into the Road near f^d Stewards Houfe f^d Road to be two Rods Wide Defcribed by marks on the East fide

David Goodridge }
Will^m Steward } Committe
Samuel Parce }

22^{ly} Capt David Goodridge Laid his a Count befor the Town and Votted to pay him fixteen fhilings

23^{ly} John White Laid his a Count befor the Town & Votted by them to pay him nine Shilings

24^{ly} Eph^m Whitney Laid his acount befor the town & Votted by them to pay Eighteen Shilings & Eight pence

25^{ly} Tho^s Dutton Laid his a Count befor the Town and Votted [19] by them to pay him ten Shilings & Eight

pence or that it be a Lowed the next year on his high
way Rats

26^{ly} to apply to Coart for a Tax on the Lands

27^{ly} Votted & Chose De^a Amos Kimball to apply to Court for a tax to be Laid on the Wild Land

28^{ly} Votted and Chole Capt^t Tho^s Cowdin }
 Ruben Gibfon } Committe
 Ifaiah Witt }

to agree With De^a Amos Kimball what fume to ask the
Court for as a tax on an acre of Land

29^{ly} Votted that Survaers be the Collectors of the High Way Rates for this present year

30th Voted that the 9 article in the warrant which was to see if the Town would alter the place for feting the meeting house be pafsed over

31^{ly} Votted that Hoggs Go at Large this prent
year

32^{ly} Votted and alowed the Select mens accounts—£2
—0—8

Worcester is to the Constable of the town of Fitchburgh Greeting you are Required in his majests name to notifie and warn all the free Holders & other Inhabitants of sd Town Quallified by Law to Votte in Town meetings to asamble & meet at the House of Cap^t Tho^s Cowdins Inholder in sd Town on mondy the seventeenth Day of June Instant at three of the Clock in the afternoon then & there being Duely meet to act on the folowing articals hereafter mentioned that is first to Chuef a moderator for the Government of sd meeting

2^{ly} to see Whether the Town Will Repair the old Bridge or Build a new one over ^{fd} River near the mills . .

3^{ly} to see What method the Town will Come into to buield f^d Bridge or Votte aney thing Refering there to as they fhall think proper=Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant unto fom one of us the Subferibers at or befor f^u Day Given under our Hands & Seal at fitchburgh June the 3^{day} & in the fifth year of his Majefts Reign A D 1765

David Goodridge	{	Select men
Amos Kimball		for
Thos Cowdin		fitchburgh

[20] Worcest^r vs fitchburgh June the 15 1765

In obedience to the within written warrant I have notified & warnd the free holders & other Inhabitents to appear at time & place within mentioned to act on the articles within menfioned according to the tenour of the within Infrement

Pr Phinehas Steward Conftable

at a Legal meeting of the free holders & Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh qualified by Law to Votte in Town meetings at the house of Cap^t Tho^s Cowdins Inholder in f^d Town on munday the Seventeenth Day of June 1765 at three of the Clock in the after noon then & their being Duely meet & formd proceeded as follows that is. . . .

1^{ly} Votted & Chose mr John White moderator

2^{ly} Votted to Repair the old Bridge over the River in f^d Town near the mills

3^{ly} Votted that the Bridge be Repaired by a tax Laid on the Inhabitants of f^d Town

4^{ly} Votted & Greed with m^r Phinehas Steward & m^r Jonathan Wood to Undertak to Repair the Bridge for Eight pounds Lawfull money their Dowling the Bifines forthwith

Worcestr vs To the Counftable of the Town of fitchburgh Greeting you are Required in his majefts name to notify & warn all the free holders & others Inhabitants of f^d Town Quallified by Law to Votte in Town meetings to asemble & meet at the House of Cap^t Tho^s Cowdins Inholder in f^d town on monday the thurteth Day of Septembr Instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon then & their being Duely meet to act on the articals following that is first to Chouse a moderator for the Government of f^d meeting

2^{ly} to see what methord the Town will com into Relating scools & chuse a Committee for the same & Give them such Instructons as they shall think proper & Raise money for the same as they shall think proper

3^{ly} to see whether the Town will have any preaching in f^{al} Town the Winter Insuing & Rais money for the same & Chouse a Committee to provide preaching [21] & Give them Such Instruetons as they Shall think proper

4^{ly} to Raife money for m^r Petter Whitney for his three Last Days preaching Laft Winter

5^{ly} to see what method the Town will come into to Rase the meeting Houfe

6^{ly} to chouse a committee to provide such things as they Shall think nefesary for Raising f^{al} Houfe & Give them such Instruetons as they fshall think proper

7^{ly} to hear the accounts of any persons that have Dun Servis for the Town & Grant money for payment of the same

8^{ly} to see if the Town will Except of the Bridge Votted to be Built by m^r Phinchas Steward & m^r Jonathan Wood & Votte any thing as they fshall think proper

9^{ly} to Raife any Sum or Sums of money for Serveife of f^{al} Town as they Sall think proper

Here of fail not & make Return of this warrant & your Dowings there on to Sum one of us the Subseribers at or before the time of meeting — Given Under our hands & Seal at fitchburgh this Seventeenth Day of Septembr & in the fifth year of his majests Reign A D 1765

David Goodridge	{	Select
Amos Kimball		men for
Tho ^s Cowdin		fitchburgh

Worceftr is fitchburgh Sept^r the thirteth 1765

I have wared all the Votters Acording to the within Ritten Warrant Pr Phinchas Steward Conftable

at a Legal metting of the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of fitchburgh Qualified by Law to Votte in Town meetings at the Houfe of Cap^t Tho^s Cowdins Inholder in f^{al} Town on monday the thurteth Day of Sep^{tr} 1765 at one of the Clock in the afternoon the Town

being meet & formd proceded to act on the folowing artels here after menfoned that is firft Votted & Chofe Cap^t Tho^s Cowdin moderator

2^{ly} Votted that the fecond & third artcle in f^d warrant be pafed over which arteles ware Relating to having Scool & preaching the Winter Infuing

3^{ly} Votted that money be Raised to pay m^r Petter Wittney for his three Laft Days preaching Laft Winter

[22] 4^{ly} Votted that Every man bring in his provi-
fion to the meeting houfe fpot for the Railing of the Same

5^{ly} Votted that Deⁿ Amos Kimball Cap^t Tho^s Cowdin Eph^m Kimball & Ifaac Gibfon & Ifaiah Witt be a Com-
mittee for to provide fuch things for the Raising of the
meeting houfe in f^d Town as they fhall think proper

6^{ly} Votted that the Second article be pafsed over . . .

7^{ly} Votted that Six Dollors be aded to m^r Plinehas
Steward & m^r Jonathan Wood for Som Extreordny work
Dun to the Bridge by Kimballs mill

8^{ly} Votted that the ninth artical be pafsed over

Worceftr fs to the cunftable of the Town of fitchburgh
Greeting in his maieftes name you are Requird to notify
& warn the free holders & other Inhabitents Quallified by
Law to vote in town afairs to afemble & meet at the
house of Tho^s Cowdins Inholder in fitchburgh on Thurfdy
the twenty firft Day of this Instant Novembr at one of
the clock in the after noon then & their Being Duly meet
and formd to act on the folowing articals that is firft to
Choufe a moderator for the Government of f^d meeting . .

2^{ly} to hear accounts of the Town Treafuror

3^{ly} to Chouse a Committee to provide Scool or Scools
as they fhall think proper

4^{ly} to Raife money for the Scool or Scools as they
fhall think prop

5^{ly} to fee What method the Town will com into to
cover the meetinghouse & to give the Committe aney fur-
ther Instructons as they fhall think proper

6^{ly} to fee if the Town will Rais aney fum or fums of
money for finishing f^d meeting houfe

7^{ly} to hear the Report of the Committee for providing a Buering yard or give them aney further Instructons as they Shall think proper

8^{ly} to see Whether the Town Chuefes to have aney preaching this Winter & to chouse a Committee to provide as they fhall think proper

9^{ly} to Chouse a Committee or Committes as they shall think proper

[23] 10^{ly} to hear aney a Counts of aney persons that hath Done Servis for f^d Town & to Raife monney for the Same as they fhall think proper

11^{ly} to see Whether the Town will aLow Timothy parker aney fitting Confideration for Servis in Building the meeting hous

12^{ly} to see Whether the Town will Rais aney Sum or Sums of money for Service of f^d Town as they fhall think Nefesary

Hear of fail not & make Return of this Warrant With your Downgs there on to Sume one of us the Subscribrs at on or before the time of f^d meeting Given under our hands and Seal at fitchburgh this twelfth Day of novembr & in the fifth year of his majests^s Reign A D 1765

Tho ^s Cowdin	{ Select
Amos Kimball	
David Goodridge	

men for
fitchburgh

Worcester fs fitchburgh Novembr the 21 1765

In obediance to your Warrant I have notifyd & warned all the Inhabitents of f^d Town quallifid by Law to vote in Town afairs Phinehas Steward Conftable

at a Leagal meeting of the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of fitchburgh Quallifed by Law to vote in Town afairs at the House of Capt Tho^s Cowdins Inholder in fitchburgh on thursday the 21 Day of novembr 1765 at one of the Clock in the after noon the Town being meet & formd proceded to act on the following arteles that is first Votted & Chose David Goodridge moderator

2^{ly} Votted that their Shall be a Scoole Kept this
Winter

3^{ly} Votted that Cap^t Tho^s Cowdin
Kindall Boutwall
Jonathan Wood

{ Scool
Committee
for f^d Town

4th Votted to have two Scools in fst Town & that
m^r Poole & m^r John fitch with their Neighbors have the
Benefitt of their Scool money in order to provide a mong
them felves

5^{ly} Votted that three pounds be Raifed for Scooling

6^{ly} Votted that the Committee provid Bords with all other other nefecaries needfull in order to cover the meeting House in f^d Town

[24] 7^{ly} Votted that Cap^t Tho^s Cowdin undertak to finish the out side of the meeting house & Lay the Lower flower for three hundred Pounds old tenor the Town providing all the stufe necessary therefor at the spot where the House stands

8^{ly} Votted that Seventy Pounds be Raifed for the use
of f^l town

9^{ly} Votted to Exept the Report of the Committe
Chofen by ^{fd} Town to provide a burieng yard

10^{ly} Votted not to have preaching this winter . . .

11th Votted & Chose Elifha fullum a Committee man
to Joyn with Capt David Goodridge & Cap^t Tho^s Cowdin
to take the Care & Build a meeting house in fst Town . . .

12 Votted to m^r Timothy Parker Eight pounds as a Consideration for his hewing & framing the meeting house in f^l Town

Worcester Is To the Cunstable of the Town of fitchburgh Greting In his majefts name you are Requird to notifie & warne all the free holders & other Inhabitents qualified by Law to vote in Town afairs to asemble & meet at the house of Tho^s Cowdins Inholder in 1st fitchburgh on mondy the thirld Day of march next at nine of the Clock in the four noon then & their being Duely meet & formd to act on the artels folowing

11y to Chuse a moderator for Government of 1st meeting

2^{ly} to Chuse Select meen & other Town officers . . .

3^{ly} to Exept of such Roads as Shall be Laid out by the Select men or their order

4^{ly} to Rais aney Som or Sums of money for mending high ways & vote how it Shall be workt out

5^{ly} to pafs a Vote that all those persons that hath Given Land for Town Rods Shall not be at aney coft to purches Rods for other persons that hath not Given aney Land for Town Rods til others have given their proporton Equel

6^{ly} to see if the Town will pafs a Vote that the Sevrall Servars or Colectors of the high way Rats Shall be acountabl to the Town Treafuror for the Soms committed to them to be Workd out

7^{ly} to see if the Town will Reconfider their vots of the Last meeting Relating a Buerying yard & Exept of another place

8^{ly} to see if the Town will Dis Continue aney Rods that are alredy Laid out

[25] 9^{ly} to see if the Town Thinks proper to proceed on their former vote Relating the Land tax to have the Commite alredy chosen proceed or give them aney farther Instructons as they shall think proper

10^{ly} to here the a Counts of the Several Survars for the year past & vote aney thing there on as they Sall think proper

11^{ly} to here the a Counts of aney person that hath Don Serves for the Town & Rais money to pay the Same

12 to see if the Town will com into Sume method to prevent other Towns people Bringing Catle into Town as it is a Grate Damige to the Inhabitants

13^{ly} to see if the Town will Suffer hogs to Run at Large the present year

14^{ly} to see if the Town will give the committee aney further Instructons towards Glasing the meeting house & Culliring the same if they think proper

15^{ly} to see if the Town will com into aney other metod to warn Town meetings for the futer

16^{ly} to Chuse a County Register for the County of Worcester

Here of fail not & make Return of this Warrant with your Dowings their on to Sum one of us at or Befor the time of meeting Given under our hands & Seal this 17 Day of february & in the sixth year of his majefts Reign A D 1766

David Goodridge	{	Select men for fitchburgh
Amos Kimball		
Thos Cowdin		

Worcestr fs fitchburgh march the 1 1766

In obediance to this warrant I have warned all the free holders all the free holders & other Ihabitents Qualified by Law to vote in Town metings to meet at Cap^t Thos Cowdins on mondy the third Day of march at nine of the Clock in the four noon

Phinehas Steward Conftable for fitchburgh

at a Legal meeting of the free holders & other Inhabitants of the town of fitchburgh qualifid by Law to vote in Town afares to meet at the house of Cap^t Thos Cowdins in f^l fitchburgh on mondy the third Day of march 1766 the Town being meet Votted & Chofe Cap^t David Goodridge moderator

[26] 2^{ly} Votted & chofe Amos Kimball Thos Cowdin David Goodridge Select men for the f^l Town . . .

3^{ly} Votted & Chofe Amos Kimball Town Clark . .

4^{ly} Votted & Chofe Jonathan Wood Town Treafurer

5^{ly} Votted & Chofe Eph^m Kimball Cunftable . . .

6^{ly} Votted & Chofs mofes Thurlo Solomon Steward wardens

7^{ly} Votted & Chofe Nichlos Danforth Nehemiah fuller Tiething meen

8^{ly} Votted & Chofe Thos Cowdin Thos Harris William flagg David Goodridge mofes Thurlo to be Survars of high Ways

9^{ly} Votted & Chofe Jofeph Low Elifha fullum Dear Reavs

10^{ly} Votted & Chofe John fitch Kindal Boutall to take care of fiers

11^{ly} Votted & Chofe William Cox Jonathan Holt Hezekiah Hodgkns hogg Reves

12^{ly} Votted & Chose Phinehas Steward Survare of Clabords & Shingels

13^{ly} Votted & Chose John Buſs Survare of hups & Staves

14^{ly} Votted & Chose Jacob Steward Seler of Lether

15^{ly} Votted & Chose Amos Kimball Eph^m Kimball fenc vewers

16^{ly} Votted & Chose Tho^s Cowdin Survare of Wheet

17^{ly} Votted & Chose Ifaac Gibson Phinehas Steward field Drivers

18^{ly} Votted that the Rod be Exepted from the Bridge nar Jefse frenchs mills to Elifha fulloms if Given it Begining at f^d Bridge Runing through Land of Samuel Walkers near a south west pint to Land of Amos Kimballs & through f^d Kimballs Land to Land of m^r olivers near a south pint through f^d olivers Land to Land of Elifha fullums & through f^d fullums Land to the Rod that Leads by f^d fullums to Leomenſtr and marked numbr of treas on the weſterdly ſide of f^d Rod ſaid Rod to be two Rods wide

Amos Kimball	}	Select men of f ^d Town
Tho ^s Cowdin		

[27] 19^{ly} Votted & Exepted a two Rod Road if Given Begining at moſes Thurlos & Tho^s Garys Land ſo Runing through m^r meeds Land to Land of f^d Thurlos & then to Land of Tho^s Duttons ſo through to the county Road at f^d Duttons houſe on the Weſterdly ſide of f^d Duttons Houſe & marked the treſs on the ſotherdly Side & Weſterdly Side

Ifaac Gibſon	}	as Comitte
Ifaiah Witt		
Ebenezer Bridge		
moſes Thurlo		
Tho ^s Cowdin		

20^{ly} Votted that Sixty pounds be Raiſed for the mending the high Ways for this preſent year

21 Votted that it be Left to the Select men how high way money ſhall be workt out with theſe Reftraints that it be workt out by the our as was the Laſt year

22^{ly} Votted that thoſe that have Given Rods in f^d

Town fhall not be Expofed to By Rods til others that have not Given aney Shall be their proportionabl part with them

23^{ly} Votted that the Survars Shall be Colectors of high way Rats & Shall be a Countable to the Town Treafuror for the Sums Committed to them to be workt out

24^{ly} Votted that the former vote Refpecting the Towns Exepting the Report of a Commite Chofen to provide a buering yard be Reconfiderd

25^{ly} Votted to Except one acre of Land of Amos Kimball for a Buering yard

26^{ly} Votted that the Rod from Tho^s Garys barn towards Cap^t Jonathan Woods mill be throne up

27^{ly} Votted that the Committee Chofen to Git a Land tax Shall proceed

28^{ly} Votted that the old Survaers See that the high ways Rats for the year paf^t be workt out & to Settle with the Treafurer

29^{ly} Votted that Cap^t David Goodridge aCount be a Low^d 10/

30^{ly} Votted that Amos Kimball a Count be a Low^d 10/

31^{ly} phinehas Steward Laid his Aount befor the Town for warning out perfons & votted to pay him 8/

32^{ly} Eph^m Kimball Laid his a Count befor the Town for being Treafuror and votted by them to pay him 12/

33^{ly} Amos Kimball Laid his a Count before the Town [28] for Keping Whitney & votted by them to pay him Sixteen Shilings 16/

34^{ly} Votted that the Inhabitants of other Towns fhall not be alowed to bring in aney Cattel into town that have no Intrest in f^d town

35^{ly} Votted that the hoaggs Go att Large this year

36^{ly} Votted that the Committey Chofen to Glafe the metinghouse are to Coller the f^d houfe

Septembr the 15 1766

Worcefter fs to Ephriam Kimball Cunstable of the Town of fitchburgh Greeting in his majeftis name you

are Requird to notify & warne all the free holders & other Inhabitants qualifid by Law to vote in town afaers to afsemble & meet att the meeting house in f^d town on mondy the twenty Second Day of this month at one of the Clock in the after noon then & their being Duely met and formd to act on the arteals folowing

1^{ly} to Chufe a moderator for Goverment of f^d meeting

2^{ly} to see if the Town will Exept of what m^r Abel Baldwin hath Don in finishing of the out fide of the meeting house and Laying the Loear floer.

3^{ly} to See what method the Town will take to provide a Scool or Scools & to Chufe a Committe to provid a Scool marster & to Give them fuch Instructons as they fhall think proper

4^{ly} to See if they will have preaching this winter & to Chuse a Committee for the Same purpos & to Give them Such Inftructons a they Shall think proper

5^{ly} to See What method the town will com into in Difpofing of the pue Ground in the meeting house & to Chuse a Committee for that purpos & to Give them Such Instructons as they Shall think proper

6 Past over

7^{ly} to See if the town will Raise aney money to Defray Town Charges

8^{ly} to See if the Town will a bate m^r Ebenzer Bridge what he was Ratted for Barnebas Woods in the year 1764

9^{ly} to See if the Town will com into aney method to build a pound

10^{ly} to See if the Town will Raise aney money to finifh the County Rode Latly Laid out by the Corts Committey

Here of fail not & make Return of this warrant to fom one of us at on or before the Day a bove mentined Given under our hands & Sele this fiftenth Day of Septembr 1766 & in the Sixth [29] year of his majests Reign

Amos Kimball	} Select men
David Goodridge	
Thos Cowdin	
	} of
	} fitchburgh

I have warned the free holders & other Inhabitants according to Law Ephriam Kimball Cunstable of fitchburgh

at a Legal meeting of the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh Qualified by Law to vote in town a fauers at the meeting house in f^l Town on mondy the twenty second Day of this month at one of the Clock in the after noon the Town being meet voted & Chose Cap^t David Goodridge moderator

2^{ly} Votted & Exepted of What m^r Abel Baldwin has Dun toward finishing the out side of the meeting house & Laying the under floor

3^{ly} Votted that the Town Treasurer Shall Give Secnerety to m^r abel Baldwine or Cap^t Tho^s Cowdin for finishing the out Side of the meeting house & Laying the under floore

4^{ly} Votted to have a Scool in f^l town & Rais Eight pounds for to be Laid out in Scooling

5^{ly} Chose Ruben Giblon Ephriam Kimball mores Thurlo Scool Commite

6^{ly} Votted that two thirds of the scool money to be Laid out in the middel of the Town & the Rest of the money to be Laid out by the Commity as they Shall think proper on the out sides off the Town

7^{ly} Votted to have preching in f^l town

8^{ly} Votted & Raifed forty pounds of money for preaching

9^{ly} Chose Amos Kimball Elifha fullam Jonathan Wood for to git a minester to prech

10^{ly} Votted to here m^r Petter Whitney m^r angier m^r Payson if they will com & preach with us

11^{ly} Votted to Sell the Pue Ground in said meting house

12^{ly} Votted that fifty three pounds six shilings & Eight pene be Laid upon the pue Ground

13^{ly} Chose John White Kindal Boutwall Soloman Steward John Thufston Eph^m Kimball for to Lay out & Dignify the pues & to make Return to the Town the next meeting

14^{ly} Votted that Ebenezer Bridges Raets shall be abated which he was Rated for Barney Wood in the year 1764

15^{ly} Votted that the highest payer upon Reael Estate shall have the first Choise in the pues in said metng house

16^{ly} Votted to Build a pound in said Town . . .

[30] 17^{ly} Votted that Every furvaer in f^d Town Shall work one Day with their hands upon the new County Rod or pay the money

Woreeftr fs to Ephriam Kimball Cunstable for the Town of fitchburgh Greeting

In his majests name you are Requird to warn all the free holders & other Inhabitants Qualified by Law to vot in Town afaiers to meet at the meeting house in f^d Town on the Second Day of novenibr next at one of the Clock in the after noon then & their being Duely meet and formd to act on the artiles folowing

1^{ly} to Chuese a moderator for Government of f^d meting

2 to see whether the town will Exepte of what the Comittee hath Dun in Dignifying the pue Ground or order the same Committee to make aney alteration on f^d Day as they Shall think proper

3^{ly} to see if the Town will Inpower the Commity Chosen by the Town to Dignify the pue Ground or vote aneything Refering thereto

4^{ly} to order Every person that Draws a pue to pay the money his pue is prised at to the Town Treasuror or Give Secuerety in order to pay m^r Boyenton for Glasing & painting the meeting house & to pay out f^d money acording to the Commites orders

5^{ly} to See if the Town will Build the Body Seets in the meeting house & Errect a place for the minester to preach in

6^{ly} to See if the Town will Cafe the Windors & seale as high as the bottom of the Windors or Give the Committee aney further Instructons as they shall think proper

7^{ly} to have aney person bring in their aCounts that have aney Demands on f^d Town & Rais money for to pay the same

8^{ly} to See if the Town will com into aney other methord to warn town meetings for the futter

9^{ly} to See if the Town will provide stons for steps for the meetinghous Does and to Dige Down the Bank the back side of the meeting house in order to Keep the Gravel [31] Working Down against the Sels

Here of faile not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings there of to fom won of us att or before the Day a bove menched Given under our hands & seal this thirty frst Day of octobr & in the sixth year of his mjests Reign A D. 1766

Amos Kimball	} Select men for fitchburgh
Tho ^s Cowdin	
David Goodridge	

fitchburgh Novembr the 6 1766

by Varty of this Warrant I have warned the free holders & inhabitants of this Town Qualified for Voting acording to Law to meet at time and place

Eph^m Kimball Cunftable

At a Legal meeting of the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh Qualified by Law to vote in Town a fairs at the meeting house in f^l Town on the Seventh Day of novenbr the Town being meet . . .

1^{ly} Votted & Chose mr John Thufston moderator . . .

2^{ly} Votted & wold not Exept of what the Comity hath Dun in Dignifying the pue Ground but voted that the Commitey fould make alterations & the Same Comitey that was chofen to Digneify the pues Ground Went & made an alteration in Dignifying the pue Ground & then the Town votted & Expted of What the Commity hath Don in Dignifying the pue Ground in f^l meeting houle

3^{ly} Votted that the Commity that was Chofen to Dignify the pue Ground Shall Give Deeds to those men that have pues in f^l meeting houle

4^{ly} Votted that those men that have pues fhall pay the money Down or Give Secuerety to the Town Trealurer for three months at what their pue Ground was prised at

5^{ly} Votted to arect a place for the minester to preach in

6^{ly} Votted that they will cafe the windrs below and feele up to the windors & Leave it to Cap^t Goodridge Cap^t Cowdin Eifha fullam which is the Commite . . .

7^{ly} Votted & Raifed fix pounds to Defray Town Charges

[32] 8^{ly} Votted that the Town meetings fhall be Warned for futter by feting up the warrant fourteen Days before the meetings on a poft near the meting hous

9^{ly} Votted James poole Shall Git Steps for the meetinghouse Dowers make the wall the Back fide of the meeting houfe

A True Coppe Errors Exepte

Tho^s Cowdin Town Clark

A True Coppey Taken off the old Book & Enterd on this Book bgining at page five and Comparrd by us the Subferibors Chofen by the Town of fitchburgh octobr the 1 1770

Errors Excepted

David Goodridge }
John White } Comitte

[31²] march y^e 2 1767

(feail) Worceft^r fs To m^r Ephriaim Kimball Cun-
ftabl for the Town of fitchburg Greting — — In his
majestes Name you are Required to Warn all the free
holders & other Inhabitints of f^d town qualfied by Law
to Vote in town a fairs to a femble and meet att the met-
ing house on the Second Day of march Next att Nine
o Clock in the fore Noon then and their being Duly met
& formd to act one artels following that is

(1) to Chufe a moderator for Government of f^d meting

(2) To Chufe felect men & other town officers . . .

(3) To Except of fuch high Ways as fhall be Laid
out by the Select men or their order . . .

4 To to Raise money to mend the high Ways for the
year Infuing & to Vote how it fhall be Worked out . .

5 To hear the aCounts of the town treafurer from
the Select men

6 To fee if the town will abate fuch Rats as fhall be
Laid bfore them from the feveral Conftables

7 To hear the accounts of any persons that have Done service for the town & Raife money to pay the same

8 To see if the town will Raise money to provide the town with weights & meafures or other articles as they fhall think Nefafary

9 To see if the town will Let their hoggs Run at Large this prefent year

here of faile not & make Return of this Warrent with your Doings there on to fume one of Us att or before the time above mentioned Given under our hands & feal this twelfe Day of february & in the feventh year of his maiefties Reign A D 1767

T ^p	Amos Kimball Thos Cowdin David Goodridge	}	Select men
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Worceftr fs fitchburg march 2 1767 In obedience to within written warrint I have Notified & warned the fre holders & other Inhabitans to apear att time & place within mentioned to act on the articals within mentioned according to the tennor of the within Instrument

Pr Ephraim Kimball Conftable

at a Legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualified by Law to Vote in Town meetings on monday the Second day of march A D 1767 at the meeting houfe in rd Town

Thos Cowdin Town Clark Voted

[32²] march y^e 2 1767

1 Voted and Chose Thos Cowdin moderater . . .

2 Voted and Chose Thomas Cowdin Isaac Gibson
Ifsair Witt Select meen

3 Voted and Chose Thomas Cowdin Town Clark . .

4 Voted and Chose Thomas Cowdin Town treasurer

5 Voted and Chose Ifaac Gibson Conftable

6 Voted and Chose Cap^t David Goodridge & John
Thurften Wardins

7 Voted and Chose Reuben Gibson furvyer for high
way

- 8 Voted and Chose samuel pierce high way furvare
- 10 Voted and Chose Jacob puffer high way furvar
- 11 Voted and Chose Thomas Hartwell high way furvar
- 12 Voted and Chose Joseph Low high way furvare
- 13 Voted and Chosen Hezekiah Hodgkin high way furvaer
- 14 Voted and Chosen Ephraim Ofburn & John White Tithing men
- 15 Voted and Chosen Caleb Upton & Joseph Downs Deer Refes
- 16 Voted and Chosen phinehas steward & Ebenezer Bridge fire Wards
- 17 Voted and Chosen William steward & Caleb Upton and James Gray hog Refes
- 18 Voted and Chosen Soloman steward furvare of Clabord and fhingels Clabords and fhingels
- 19 Voted and Chosen Jonathan Wood surveyer of hoops and ftaves hoops and ftaves
- 20 Voted and Chose William Thurlo Seler of Lether
- 21 Voted and Chose Joseph spafford and phinehas steward fence Viewers
- 22 Voted and Chosen mores Thurlo furvar of . . Wheat
- 23 Voted and Chose Nicholas Danford and John Busfield Drivers
- 24 Voted that the surveyes be Collectors for the year Insuing of the high way taxes
- 25 Voted and Excepted a Rode from John Whites to William Thurlos house and Given
- 26 Voted and Excepted a Rode from the County Rode to North River bridge and Given
- 27 Voted and Raifd fixty pounds for high Ways £60
- [33] 28 Voted that rd money shall be Left to the Discretion of the Select men
- 29 Voted and a bated the Rats of William Hodgkins on the a Count of Joshua priest 13/6 paid
- 30 Voted to a bate samuel Hodgkins Rates on a Count of the meting house 13/ paid
- 31 Voted to a bate the Rats of Timothy farley £1 . 3 . 0 paid

32 Voted and a bated the Rats of Daniel merrall 5/
paid

33 Voted and a bated the Rats of Thomas Dutton
15/ paid

34 Voted and a bated Thos Duttons Rates in Ephraim
Kimball List 7/6 paid

35 Voted to a Low Capt David Goodridge 10/ paid

36 Voted to a Low Jonathan Wood for sevices Dun
the town 12/ paid

37 Voted to a Low Deacon Kimball for serves Dun
for this town £5—19—6 paid

38 Voted to a Low Decon Kimball for Serves Dun
this town 10/ paid

39 Voted to a Low Ephraram Kimball for Serves
Dun this town 10/ paid

40 Voted to a Low Decon Kimball 6/ pur Week for
bordarding the mineftrs til the time a Greed upon is Ex-
pired for mr anger to preach . . .

41 Voted to Let the Swine Run at Large the year
Infuing being Lawfully yoked & Ring

The meting Difolved

attest Tho^s Cowden Moderator

fitchburg June 1st 1766

We have Laid out a tow Rode Roade begining at y^e
County Roade and Runing btwen Elphle mace and Land
in pofsefion of Thomas Cowdin and so Running be tween
mace and Cowdin until it Coms to y^e botom of y^e falling
Ground and then Runs through f^d Cowdins Land by
markt trees on the Efterdly fide of the Roade til it Coms
to Land of m^r Mofes Thurlos and fow to y^e River Wheir
it Was Laid out the year befor by y^e felect mens order

and the Land Given by Amos Kimball } Select
Thomas Cowdin . . } Thomas Cowdin } men

[34] fitchburg february y^e 26 1767

We the Select men herby order m^r John Thuften and
m^r John White and m^r Nicolas Danford to Lay out a
Road tow Rods Wide from William Thurlos houfe a Croas

mr Danfords and mr Thustens Land to the Road that Leds to mr Ifaac Gibsons house and from that Road to mr John Whites house for Which this shall be your Suficant order

Pr Amos Kimball } select
Thomas Cowdin } men

fitchburg february 28th 1767

In obedeaunce to the Within Written order we have Laid out a two Rod Road begining at William Thurlos at a Chefnut Tree and Runing from thence threw Land of Nicholas Danforth to Land of John Thirsten and moses Thurlo and from thence to the Road that Goes to Ifaac Gibsons and from that Road bgining at a Chefnut tree at the East of that strait to y^e house of John White

and the Land Given by
William Thurlo & John
Thirsten & Nicholas
Daforth and moses
Thurlo and John White

Pr John Thirston
John White
Nicholas Danforth

Worcester fs Fitchburgh March 2^d 1767

Captain Thomas Cowden being by the Town of Fitchburgh at their Annual Meeting on this Day Chosen to the office of Town Clark Took the Oath by Law Required to Enable him to Act as Such Attest

Town Clerk

Worcester fs March 2^d 1767

The Several persons Chosen to the Several offices in this Town at the Anual Meeting of this day of whom an oath by Law is Required Appeared And Took the oaths Required by Law for them to Take to Enable them to Execute their Various offices: Except the Town Treasurur and Tything men

attest Thos Cowdin Town Clark

march y^e 9 Thomas Cowdin perenaly a peard before me and tuck the oath of a Town treasurur

Thos Wilder Justice of peace

[35] Worcest^r Is

(Seal) To mr Isaac Gibson Cunstable for y^e Town of Fitchburg Greeting

In his majestes name you are Required to Warne all y^e freeholders & other Inhabitents of f^d Town qualified by Law to Vote in town affairs to asamble & meet att y^e meetinghouse on y^e twenty Seventh Day of this Instant march att one o Clock in y^e after noon then & their being Duely mett & formd to act on y^e artiales folowing that is

1 To Chuse a moderater for Government of f^d meeting

2 To see What method y^e Town Will Come into to provide preaching for y^e futtle & Give y^e Committy Chose to provide preaching any further Instructions as they shall think proper

Hear off fail Not and make Return of this Warrant With your Doings their on to some one of us the subscribers att or before y^e time above mentioned Given under our hands & seals this thirteenth Day of march & in y^e seventh year of his mjesties Reighn A D 1767

Thomas Cowdin	} Select
Isaac Gibfon	
Ifaiah Witt		} meen

Worcestr Is Fitchburg march y^e 27 1767

In obedience to y^e Within Written Warrant I have Notefied & Waned y^e free holders & other Inhabitants to a pear att time & place within menfhoned to act on y^e articals with in mentioned a Cording to y^e tenor of y^e Within Istrument

Ƨ Isaac Gibfon Cunstable

1 Voted & Chose Cap^t David Gooridge moderater of f^d meting

2 Voted to Not to act on y^e second article in y^e Warrent

y^e meting Difolved

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

[36] Worcester fs

(feal) To mr Isaac Gibson Cunstable for the town of
fitchburg Greting

In his majests name you are Requird to Warn all the
fre holdrs and other inhabitants of f^d town qualified by
Law to Vote in town a faers to a Sembl and met at the
meting house on mondy the Eleventh Day of may next
at two O Clock in the after noon then and their being
Duely met and formd to act on the artels folwing that is

1 To Chuef a moderater for Government of S^d meting

2 To See Whether the town will a point a Day of
fasting and prayer in order to ask Divine a Sistance in
Giveing Som Gentelman a Call to Setle in the Gospel min-
istry in this town

3 To Vote What minestrs the town will a ply unto to
Carey on the Work of the Day

4 To Chuef a Comite to a ply to those Gentelman
that the town Shall See Cause to Chues

here of faile not and make Return of this Warrent
With your Dowings their on to sum one of us the subscribrs
at or befor the time a bove mentned Given under our
hands and seal this twenty second Day of april and in the
seventh year of his majest Reighn A D 1767

Ƨ	Thos Cowdin	{	Select
	Isaac Gibson		
	Isaiah Witt		men

Worester fs fitchburg may 11th 1767

in obediance to the Within Warent I have Notefid and
Warnd the free holders and other Inhabitents to a pear at
time and place With in mentned to act on the artels With
in mentned a Coring to the tenor of y^e With instrement

Ƨ Isaac Gibson Cuntble

at a Leguel meting of the fre holders and other in-
habetn of the town of fitchburg qualified by Law to Vote
in town metings on mondy the Eleventh Day of may A D
1767 at the metin house in f^d town

Tho^s Cowdin Town Clark

[37] 1 Voted and Chose Decon amos Kimall moder-
ater

2 Voted to a point thurfdy the 21 Day of may to be
Set a part for a Day of fasting and prayer in this town

3 Voted to a ply to the Revrent m^r herington m^r
millens m^r Winchefter adams & m^r Gardner to Carey on
the Work of the Day

5 this meting Difolvd

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

Worcester fs

(feale) To mr Isaac Gibson Cunstabl for the town of
fitchburg Greting—In his majests name you are Reqierd
to Warn all the free holders and other Inhabitents quali-
fied by Law to Vote in town a faers to a Semble and
meet at the meting house on mondy the Eleventh Day of
this Infntent may at five O Clock in the after noon then
and their being Duely met and formd to act on the artels
folowing

here of fale not and make Return of this Warrent
With your Dowings there on to sum one of us at the
time and place a bove mentned Given under our hands
and Seals this Eleventh Day of may and in the seventh
year of his majests Reighn A D 1767

p^r Thos Cowdin Isaac Gibson Isaiah Witt Select men

Worcester fs fitchburg may 11th 1767

In obediants to the Within Warent I have notified
and warnd the fre holders and other inhabitents to
a pear at time & place Within mentned to act on the
artels Within mentned acording to tenor of the Within
Instruement

℞ Isaac Gibson Cunstabl

at a Legol meting of the fre holders and other inhabe-
tents of the town of fitchburg qualified by Law to Vote
in town metings on mondy the Eleventh Day of may
A D 1767 at the meting house in f^d town

1 Voted and Chose Decon amos Kimball moderater

2 Voted to Build the pulpet as fune as the stufe Can be provided

3 Voted to order the Commite to a Gree with som workman to bueld the pulpet

4 Voted to purtches an acor of Land Lying on the north sid of the meting house for a buering yard . . .

5 the meting Disolved

[38] Worcestre

(seal) To Iaac Gibson Cunstable for the town of fitchburg Greting

In his mjestes name you are Requird to Warn all the fre holders and other Inhabitents qualified by Law to Vote in town afaers to a Semble and meet at the meting-house on mondy the first Day of June next at two of the Clock in the after noune then and their being Duly met and formd to act on the artcls folowing.

1 to Chuse a moderater for Goverment of f^d meting

2 to See if the town Will a Loue Every freeholder to be a Voter in the Choice of a minefter or Vote aney thing Refering ther to as they fhall think proper

3 to see if the town Will Vote to Call Some proper person to Settle in the Gospel ministrey in f^d town and proced to a Choise

4 to Vote sum fuctible sum of money to be paid such person so Chosen to Encorage and Enable him to settel in ye ministry in f^d town and Likewise What sum of money they Will aneuely pay him as his salery

5 artcle was not acted upon

6 to Cuse a Conite for that purpus or Vote aney thing Refering their to as they fhall think proper . . .

Here of faile not and make Return of this Warrant to sum one of us the subscibers at or befor the Day a bove mentined Given under our hand and seale this sixteenth Day of may and in the seventh year of his majestes Reighn A D 1767

Isaa Gibson { Select
Isaiah Witt { men

Worcester fitchburg June 1st 1767

In obediant to the Within Written Warent I have notified and Warnd the free holders and other Inhabetants to a pear at time and place Within mentned acord- ing to the tenor of the Within Instrement

Isaac Gibbon Cunstable

At a Legal meting of the freeholders & other Inhabetants of the Town of fitchburg afsembled June 1st 1767

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1^{ly} Voted and Chose Capt David Goodridge modera- tor

2^{ly} Voted that Every freholder be a votter in Chusing of a minestr

3^{ly} Voted and Chose m^r Samuel Ainger to Settle in the Work of the Gospel ministry in this Town

4^{ly} Voted to give mr Samuel Ainger one Hundred and thirty three pounds Six Shilings and Eight pence as a Settlement [39] to Encourage him to Settle With us in the Work of the ministry and for his Support and main- taince so Long as he Shall Continue our minifter provided he Shall Settle among us that is the one half to be paid in one year after his ordination the other half in two years after his ordination

5^{ly} Voted to pay m^r Samuel Ainger as his yearly Salary Sixty pounds untill there shall be fixty families fet- tled in Town after that to pay him annually sixty six pounds thirten shilings and four pence

6^{ly} Voted and Chose Thos Cowdin and m^r John Thuf- ten and mr John White a Comite to waite upon mr Sam- uel ainger to Suply the pulpet til he Gives his answer . .

The meting Disolvd

Thos Cowdin town Clark

5^{ly} Voted to pay m^r Samuel Ainger as his yearly Sal- ary Sixty pounds untill there shall be fixty families settled in Town after that to pay him annually sixty six pounds thirten shilings and four pence

6^{ly} Voted and Chose Thos Cowdin and m^r John Thuf-

ten and mr John White a Comite to waite upon mr Samuel
ainger to Suply the pulpet til he Gives his answer . . .

The meting Disolvd

Thos Cowdin town Clark

Septembr y^e 6 1767

mr Samuel ainger answerd his Call from the Town of
fitchburg on the Negative

(seal) Woreeftr fs To Isaac Gibson Cunstable for the
town of fitchburg Greting

In his majests name you are Requird to Warn all the
freeholders & other Inhabitants qualefied by Law to vote
in town afaers to asemble and meet at the meting house
on thursdy the twenty fourth Day of this Instant Sepr
at one O Clock in the after noon then and their being
Duly met and form to act on the artcls following . . .

1^{ly} to Chuse a moderater for Government of 1^d meting

2^{ly} to see if the town Will Give m^r John payson or
aney other Gentleman a Call to Setle in the Gosple minis-
try in this town and vote a futable Sum for his Settlem-
ment and Sallery

or 3^{ly} to See What method the town will Come into
for to Supply the pulpet for the futter and vote aney thing
Refering their to as they Shall think proper

4^{ly} to Chuse a Commite to Suplie the pulpet for the
futer or so Longe as the town shall think proper . . .

5^{ly} to Se Whether the town Will Rase aney sum of
money to pay for preching for the futter

6^{ly} to Se if the town Will Rase aney sum of money to
provide a School or Schools and to Chuse a Commite to
provide a marster or marsters

[40] Here of faile not and make Return of this War-
rant to Sum one of us the Subscribrs at or befor the
Day above mentnd Given under our hands and Seale this
tenth Day of Sepr A D 1767

Thos Cowdin	}	Select
Isaac Gibson		meen for
Isaiah Witt		fitchburgh



MRS. HANNAH COWDIN.

Worcester fs fitchburg Sept 23th 1767

in obedeance to the Within Written Warrant I have notified & Warned the fre holders & other Inhabitants to apear at time & place within mentond to act on the artels Within mentoned acording to the tennor of the Within Instrument

Isaac Gibson Cunstable

at a Legal meting of the free holders and other inhabitants of the town of fitchburg afembled Sept 24 1767

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1^{ly} Voted and Chose Decon amos Kimball moderater

2^{ly} Voted to Give mr John Payson a Call

3^{ly} Voted to give mr John Payson one Hundred and thirty three poundes Six Shillings and Eight pence as a Settlement to Encourage him to Settle With us in the Work of the Gospel miniftry and for his Support & maintainance fo long as he Shall Continue our minifter) provided he Shall Settle among us) the one half to be paid in one year after his ordination other half in two years after his ordination

4^{ly} Voted to pay mr John Payson (as his yearly Salary) fixty punds untill their fhall be fixty families Settled in Town after that to pay him annuallly fixty fix pounds Thirteen fhillings and four pence

5^{ly} Voted and Chofe mr John Thusten Thos Cowdin and John White be a Commite to Waite upon mr John Payson With the towns Call to Suply the pulpet till he Shall Give his answer

6^{ly} Voted to Dismis the fixth artel

7^{ly} the meting Disolvd

Thos Cowdin town Clark

Worceftr fs To mr Isaac Gibson Cunstable for the town of fitchburgh Greting

(feal) In his majests name you are Requird to Warne all y^e free holders and other Inhabitents of the town of fitchburg qualified by Law to Vote in town afaers to afemble and meet at the meting house on mondy the

twenty third Day of this Instant Novembr at twelve O Clock then and their being Duely meet and formd to act on the artels folowing

- 1 to Chues a moderater for Government of f^d meting
- 2 to see if the town Will Rafe anye sum of money to Defray town Charges or to pay anye Deets all Redy Contracted by the town

[41] Novembr the 23 1767

3 to See Whether method the town Will Com into to provid a scoole or or scools the year Insuing or vote anye thing Refering their too

4 to See if the town Will Do anye thing further towards finishing the meting house the year Insuing . .

5 to See if the town Will abate Jofhua Pools Rats in the year 1766

Here of fale not & make Returne of this Warrent With your Dowings there on to Sum Wone of us the Subscribr at on or befor the Day above mentned Given under our hand and seal this Ninth Day of Novembr and in the Eighth year of his majests Reighn A D 1767 fitchburgh November the 9 1767

Thos Cowdin } Select meen
Isaac Gibson } for fitchburgh

Worcestr fs In obediants to the Within Written Warrent I have Notified and Warned the free holders & other Inhabitents to a peare at time and place Within mentned to act on the artels Within mentned acording to the tenor of the Within Instrument

Fitchburgh November the 23 1767

Isaac Gibson Cunstable

att a Legal meting of the free holders and other Inhabitents of town of fitchburgh afsembled Novembr the 23 1767

- 1^{ly} Cofe Capt David Goodridge moderater
- 2^{ly} Voted to Rafe thirty pounds to pay for preaching
- 3^{ly} Voted to Rafe fifty five pounds to pay mr Baldwine and to pay other town Charges

4^{ly} Voted to Rase Eight pounds to provide a Scool or Scools

5^{ly} Voted & Chose Capt David Goodridge Decon amos Kimball and John thusten be a Comite to provide a Scool or Scools

6^{ly} Voted and Reconfidred the scool money being Laid out in two placef in town

7^{ly} Voted that three quarters of the money be laid out in two places the other quarter be Laid out in two parts that is m^r fullams Corner & m^r hartwells Corner . . .

8^{ly} Voted to Rais thirteen pounds fix shilings and Eight pence to laid out in bulding the staes up the Galerys and Laing the Galery flooers and buelding the breft work Round the Galerys

[42] 9^{ly} Voted not to abate m^r Jofhua pools Rats in the year 1766

the meting Disolvd

(Seele) Worcest^r fs To mr Ifaac Gibson Cunstable for the town of fitchburgh Greting

In his majestes name you are Requird to Warn all the fre holders and other Inhabitents qualified by Law to vote in town afaers to asemble & meet at the meting house on mondy the twenty third Day of this Instint Novembr at four O Clock in the after noon then and their being Duely assembled to act on the artels folowing . .

1 to Chues a moderater for Goverment of fth meting

2 to See if the town Will make aney additon to m^r John Paysons Salery in Regard to finding him his Wood or vote aney thing Refering there to as they shall think proper

Here of faile not and make Due Return of this War-ent With your Dowings to sum one of us at or befor the time above mentned Given under our hands and feele at fitchburgh this twenty first Day of Novembr & in the Eighth year of his majestes Reign A D 1767

Thos Cowdin	} Select meen for fitchburgh
Ifaac Gibson	
Ifaiah Witt	

Worcestr fs In obedience to the Within Written War-
ent I her by Notife and Warn the free holders & other
Inhabitents to a pear at time and place Within menfined
to act on the artels Within mentned acording to the tenor
of y^e within Infrement fitchburgh Novemer the 23 1767
Isaac Gibson Cunstable

att a Legal meting of the free holders and other In-
habitents of the town of fitchburgh afembld Novembr the
23 1767

Thos Cowdin town Clark

1^{ly} Voted and Chofe Cap^t David Goodridge moder-
ater

2^{ly} Voted to find m^r John Payson his Wood aneuely
that is from year to year fo Long as he fhall Contnu our
mineftr that is find and provide thirty Cords of Wood
a Greabl to his Request fent to the town under his hand
Dated Novembr the 23 1767

the meting Disolvd

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

[43] Decembr the 16 1767

Novembr the 30 1767

mr John Payson Gave his anfwer in the affermitive and
Axepted of the towns Call to Settle in the Work of the
Gospel miniftry in this town

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

(feale) Worcest^r fs To mr Isaac Gibson Cunstable for
the town of fitchburgh Greting

In his majests name you are Requird to Warn all the
free holders and other Inhabitents of the town of fitch-
burgh qualefid by law to Vote in town afaers to afemble
and meet at the meting houle on Wenfdy the fixtenth Day
of this Infrent Decembr at one O Clock in the after noon
then and their being Duely meet and formd to act on the
artels folowing

1 to Chufe a moderater for Goverment of f^{al} meting

2 to See What method the town Will Come Into in
Regard to aponitng a Day to ordain m^r John payson or

vote aney thing Referring there to as they fhall think proper

3 to have thofe perfons that have aney Demands on the town to bring in their a Compts in order for a settlement

4 to See if the town Will Give back the Deed of the acre of Land Deeded to the town for a Buering yard by Thos Cowdin

Here off fail not and make Returne of this Warrent With your Dowings their on to Sum Won of us the Subfcribrs at or before the Day a bove mentned Given under our hands and Seal this Second Day of Decembr and in the Eight year of his mjefts Reign A D 1767

fitchburgh Decr the 2 1767 Thos Cowdin } felect meen
Ifaac Gibfon } for fitchburgh

Worceftr fs Fitchburgh Decr the 16 1767

In obedience to the Within Written Warrent I have Notified & Warned the free holders and other Inhabitance to apear at time and place Within mentioned to act on the artikles Within mentioned acording to the tenor of the Within Inftrument

Ifaac Gibfon Cunftable

[44] at a Legal meting of the free holders and other Inhabitents of the town of fitchburg afembled Decembr the 16 1767

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1^{ly}...voted and Chofe Lint Ruben Gibfon moderater

2^{ly}...voted and apointed the Wenfdy the 27 Day of Janeuery 1768 to ordain m^r John payson

3^{ly}...voted to Send for Church of Walpole & actown & Chelse

4^{ly}...voted to Send for the two Churches in of Lan-ceftr and the Church of Luninburgh & the first Church of Leominftr and the Church of Wefminftr and the Church of Shirley

5^{ly}...voted that Capt David Goodridg Decon amos Kimball & John Thuften be a Comite to notefie the

Churches Sent for to afsift in the ordenation of mr John payson

6^{ly}...voted that Decon Kimball & Ephriam } the Decons
Kimball provide for & Entertain the Counfel } aloud
at the ordenation of mr John payson & that the town
pay five Dolers to Decon Kimball and five Dolers to
Ephriam Kimball for that Serves paid Eph^m Kimball his
five Dolers 1 10 paid

7^{ly}...voted to alow Thos Cowdin his a Count Which
is £2 s2 d6 paid
and also to alow Ifaac Gibfon his acont Which
is 0 16 0 paid

9^{ly}...voted to and alow Decon amos Kimball his
account Which is 2 15 0 paid

10^{ly}...voted and Gave back the Deed of the acre of
Land Deded to the town by Thos Cowden for a buering
yard

the meting Difolvd

Thos Cowdin town Clark

1768 march the 7 the anual meting att fitchburgh
(feal) Worcestf Is To mr Ifaac Gibfon Cunstable for
the town fitchburgh Greting

In His majests name you are Requird to Warn all the
free holders and other Inhabitents of the town qualified
by Law to vote in town afaers to asemble and meet at
the meting house on mondy the seventh Day of march
next at Nine O Clock in the four noon then and their
being Duely meet & formd to act on the artels folowing

1 to Chuefe a moderater for Goverment of f^d meting
2 to Chuefe Select meen and other town oficers . .
3 to Exept of Such town Roads as Shall be Laid
out by Select men or their order

4 to Raefe money to mend the high Ways & vote
aney thing Referring there to as they fhall think proper

5 to heare the a Counts of thofe that have Dun Serves
for the town & to Rafe money for to Defray tow Charges

[45] march y^e

6 to fee the town Will abate fuch Rats as fhall be

Laid befor town from the feveral Cunftables or aney other Perfons

7 to heare the a Counts of the town trefhror from the Select meen

8 to fee if the town Will Rafe money to provide the town With Waits and mefhors or aney other town artcls as the town fhall think proper

9 to fee if the town Will Let the Swine Run at Large year Infuing

10 to See What method the town Will take to provide a fuport for m^{rs} Harts maintanance and vote aney thing Refering thir to as they fhall think proper . . .

Here off faile not and make Return of this Warent With your Dowings there on to fum one of us the Subscribers at on or before the Day a bove mentfhned Given under our hand and Seal this nintenth Day of febuery and in the Eighth year of his majefts Reign A D 1768

Tho ^s Cowdin	} Select meen for fitchburgh
Ifaac Gibfon	
Ifaiah Witt	

Worceftr fs march the 7 1768

In obeidance to the Within Ritten Warent I have Notified & War the free holderf & other inhabitants to apear at time and place Within menfhned to act On the artcls Within menched acording to the tenor of the Within Infrement

Ifaac Gibfon Cunftable

att a Legal meting of the free holders and other Inhabitants of the town of fitchburgh afembled on march the 7 1768

Tho^s Cowdin Town Clark

1^{ly} Cofe Decon amos Kimball moderater

2^{ly} Chofe Tho^s Cowdin Decon Kimball & Ifaac Gibfon
Select meen

3^{ly} Chofe Tho^s Cowdin town Clark

4^{ly} Chofe Tho^s Cowdin town trefhror

5^{ly} Chofe Tho^s Cowdin Cunftable

6^{ly} Exepte Ebenezer Bridge to Serve Cunstable in f^d
Cowdins Rume

[46] 7^{ly} Chofe Jonathan Wood & Caled Upton War-
dens Wardens

8^{ly} Chofe Elifha fullam Phinehas Steward Phinehas
Hartwell Ebenezer Bridge James Gray high Way Colec-
tors high Way Colectors

9^{ly} Chofe Phinehas Steward Elifha fullam titlin
meen titlin meen

10^{ly} Chofe Ephriam Smith Edward Scott Dear
Reves Deer Reves

11^{ly} Chofe John Bufs max Jewet fier Wards . fier Ward

12^{ly} Chofe William Thurlo Nehemiah fuller Eliphlet
mace hog Reves hog Reves

13^{ly} Chofe Soloman Steward Survare of Clabords and
Shingels Clabords & Shingels

14^{ly} Chofe Jonathan Wood Svaer of hups &
Staves hups & Staves

15^{ly} Chofe William Thurlo Seler of Lether . . . Seler
of Lether

16^{ly} Chofe Eph^m Kimball Nehemiah fuller fence Vew-
ers fence vers

17^{ly} Chofe Charls Willard Ifaac Gibfon field Driv-
ers field Drivers

18^{ly} Chofe Capt David Goodridge a Colector to Colect
the Land tax Granted by the Grat and Generol Corte on
the Non Refadent propriotrs Land Lying in the town of
fitchburg that is one half peny pur acre . . . Colector
of the Land tax

19^{ly} Exepte the Road Laid out from mr Thos
Palmors Land if Given to the old Road

20 artele not Exepte

21^{ly} exepte of the Road that Leds from the End of
the old Road Runing by m^r Thos Harries to Kilpatrick's
Land and through Kilpatrick's Land & through thos Har-
ries Land to Joseph Downes Land and through f^d Land
of Joseph Downs til it Coms to [47] Land of m^r francis
fullam or Timothy fullams Land if Given by the owners
of the Land

22^{ly} Exepte of a Road from John Bufs hous through f^d Bufs Land to Land of mr hotten and mr Goodridges and mr Olivers if Given by the oner of the Land . . .

23^{ly} Exepte of the Road beginings at moses thurlos Line betwen moses Land and William thurlows Runing by moses hous & barn to the north Ent of f^d thurlos Wal through moses thurlos paster one Rodd and an half til it Coms to mr hobys Land and then two Rods Wide til it Coms to the old Road nere James Grays house and markt the trees on the Wefderdly fide of f^d Exepte if Given by the oners of the Land

24^{ly} Exepte of a Road through Edward Scotts Land two Rods Wide from the old Road through Comon Land til it Coms to Land of Phinehas Hartw and through f^d hartwells Land til it Coms to Land of Caled uptons and through Caled uptons Land til it Coms to Land of Ephriham Smiths and through f^d Smiths Land til it Coms to the County Rod and markt the tres on the south fid of f^d Road and Exepte by the town Given by the oners of the Land

25^{ly} Exepte of a Road two Rods Wide beginning at fots old Road By a small Chesnot stand Runing South through m^r Eb^r Bridges Land and through his fathers Land and through mr Browns Land and through mr olivers Land and through mr Joseph Lows Land til Coms to Land of Tho^s Cowdins then turning West over punch Brook fow Cald then Runing on mr olivers Land betwen f^d Cowdins Land and m^r olivers til it Coms to the old County Road near the Bridge above the mil pond and Exepte by the town if Given by the oners of the Land

26^{ly} Voted to Elow of the alteration made by m^r Kindal Boutal in turing the Rod near his hous and Axeped by the town

27^{ly} Voted to Rafe fixty pounds to mend y^e high Ways this present year and to Work it out as the Custom of the town hath bin that is Every fevaer one Day With his hands on the County Road & on the spot to aLow /4^d pur ouer for a man that Works £60

28^{ly} Voted and ordrd the furvaers of high Way for the year 1767 Work out the Remain of their high Way

Rats by the Laft of June 1768 or Colect and pay the money to the town trefhror e f d

[48] 29^{ly} Voted to alow mofes thurlo for Plank 9 4 paid

30^{ly} Voted to alow Deon John Thuften for Bording mr alden and Keping his hors 1 10 0 paid

31^{ly} Voted to a Low Ephriham Kimball for Keping the Revrant m^r Payfons hors 0 9 8 paid

32^{ly} Voted to aLow Deon amos Kimball for Bording the Revrent mr Payfon and Keping his hors . 4 3 0 paid

33^{ly} Voted to alow famuel Hodgkins for fawing plank for abridge 0 4 10 paid

34^{ly} Voted to abate Samuel Hodgkins his Rats in Eph^m Kimballs List 0 9 8 paid

also Thos Palmors Rats in Kimballs List 0 13 10 paid

35^{ly} Voted to Axept of the town trefhrors accounts from the felect meen

36^{ly} Voted to Let the fwine Run at Large the present year

37^{ly} Voted to pay m^r Witt for Bording m^{rs} Hart Wone Whole year four Pounds & fow in proporton by the Weke in Cafe fhe fhould not Live til the year is Expird 4 00 0 paid

The meting Defolvd

the Sevrall Town oficers tuk the oaths Reqird by Law
Thos Cowdin town Clark

fitchburgh february the 5 1768

We have Laid out a two Road begining at y^e Wefttrdly Line of Ebenezer Bridges Land through Edward Scotts Land then through Comon Land til it Coms to Phinehas Hartwells Land & through f^d Hartwells Land til it Coms to Land of Caleb Uptons & through f^d Uptons Land til it Coms to Land of Ephriam Smith and through f^d smiths Land til it Coms to the County Rode between Caleb Uptons & Ephriams Smiths and markt treefe on the foutherdly fide of the Rode and Exepted by the town Given by the oner of the Land

Thos Cowdin	{	Select men
Ifaac Gibfon		for
Ifaiah Witt		fitchburgh

[49] fitchburgh february y^e 9 1768

We have Laid a two Rode Road begininge at the old Rode Where it Enters Edward Scotts Land at a small Chefnut tree Runing south upon Land of Ebenezer Bridges then through m^r John Bridges Land of Lexenton then throu Land of m^r Joseph Lows then through mr Olivers Land of Salom til it Coms to Land of Tho^s Cowdins then turns Westrdly over punch Brook then Runs upon f^d olivers Land Joyning to f^d Cowdins Land til it Coms to the County Road near the Bridge & markt tres on the Esterdly side of the Rode and Exepted by the town if Given by the oner of the Land

Ifaac Gibfon } Select men
Ifaiah Witt } for
 } fitchburgh

fitchburgh february the 6. 1768

We have Laid out a two Rod Road begining at the town Line betwen Thos Palmers Land and the town Line through Comon Land to the old Rod Runing North & markt trees on the Esterdly side of f^d Road

then Begining at Josiah Colledges frame Runing a north point on Land Belingin to f^d Colledges or Elifha fullams til it Coms to Land of francis fullams and markt the tres on the Estrdly side of f^d Road and Exepted by the town if Given by the oners of the Land

also a two Rode Road from y^e Ende of the town Road by mr Tho^s Harrifes through Samuel Kilpatrick's Land til it Coms to Land of Tho^s Harrifes fow through f^d Harrifes Land til it Coms to Land of Joseph Downes Land and fow through f^d Downes Land til it Coms to Land of francis fullums or Timothy fulloms and markt the trees on y^e southerdly side of f^d Rode and Exepted by the town if Given by the owners of the Land

also a two Rode Road Beginining at John Bufses hous through f^d Bufs is Land til it Coms to Land of mr Elezer Hottons fow through f^d Hottons Land til it Coms to Land of Joshua Goodridges til it Coms to Land of mr olivers fow through mr olivers Land til it Coms to the town Rode Leding from Ep^h OZburns to the metinghous

and markt tres on the south side of f^l Rode Exepte by the town if Given by the owners of the Land

[50] also a two Rode Roade from mofes thurlos Line btwen William Thurlos Land and mofes thurlos by mofes thurlos house and barn til it Coms to the north End of f^l mofes thurlos Wall through f^l mofes paster one Rod and a half til it Coms to mr Hobys Land and then two Roads through f^l hobys Land til it Coms to the old Road Near James Grays hous and markt the tres on the Westerdly fid of f^l Rod and Expte by the town if Given by the oners of the Land

Thos Cowdin	} Select
Iffae Gibfon	
Ifaiah Witt	
	meen for
	fitchburgh

may the 23 1768

(fele) Worcest^r fs To m^r Ebenezer Bridge Cunstable for the town of fitchburgh Greting

In his majests name you are Requird to Warn all the fre holders & other inhabitants of the town of fitchburgh qualified by Law to Vote in town afaers to asemble and meet at the metinghous house on mondy the twenty third Day of this instant may at two O Clock in the after noon then & their being Duely met and fomd to act on the artels folowing

1 to Chuese a moderater for Government of f^l meting

2^{ly} to See What method the town Will take to ansuer the Ginerall Coarts Request in Joyning With the town of Lancestor to have one Supearer Coart & two Coarts of the quarter Sesons held their and Vote aney thing Refering their to as they shall think proper

3^{ly} to see Whether the town Will build the bridge new over the River near frenches or Vote aney thing Refering their to as they shall think proper

4ly by a Request from the pue Commitey—that is to see if the town Will Consider Edward Scott upon account of a pue he Claims in the metinghouse or defend the Com-mity from aney Deficalty that may arife or do aney thing Refering their to as they shall think proper . . .

here off faile not and make Return of this Warrent to sum won of us With your dowings their on at or before

the time above mentned Given under our hands and seal
this ninth day of may and in the Eighth year of his
majests Reighn A D 1768

Thos Cowdin	}	Select meen for fitchburgh
Amos Kimball		
Isaac Gibson		

[51] In obedience to the Within Warrant I have
Warned all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the
town of fitchburgh that are qualified by Law to Vote in
town afaers to asemble and meet at the time and place to
act on the above mentned artels in this warrent

fitchburgh may the 23 1768

Ebenez^r Bridge Cunstable

At a Legal meting of the free holdars and other inhabi-
tants of y^e town of fitchburgh asembld may the 23 1768

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1^{ly} Chose Deon Kimball moderator

2^{ly} Chose Thos Cowdin John White & Decon John
Thuften be a Comite to answr the Ginerall Coarts Request
in a Count of their Request for having one Superior Coart
and two Coarts of Coman pleas held at Lancestr

3^{ly} Voted to builde the bridge over the River by
frenches by the towns Genirosite

4^{ly} Voted and agreed upon by the two partes on
acount of the pue in Contest ond by Phinehas Steward
Which pue Edward Scott Claims is Given up by f^d stew-
ard to f^d Scott upon Condition that f^d Scott pays thirty
Shilings and pays also What money the towns Comite
Dignefied the pue Grownd at to said steward & further
more both partys that is f^d Edward Scott and f^d phine-
has Steward Each of them agred and actually fined the
towns Vote both of them never to make aney un Easiness
further about f^d pue if the money be paid by f^d scott in
one Weke from this Day being the 23 Day of may 1768

Edward Scott

phinehas Steward

a true Cope of the towns Vote
the meting Disolvd

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

Septembr y^e 19 1768

Worcestr fs

(seal) To m^r Ebenezer Bridge Cunstable for the town of fitchburgh Greting

In his majests name you are Required to Warn all the free holders & other inhabitents of the town of fitchburgh qualified by law to Vote in town afaers to asemble & meet at the meting house on mondy y^e nintenth Day of Sepemibr next at two O Clock in the after noon then & their being Duely met and formd to act on the arteels folowing

1^{ly} to Chuse a moderater for Government of s^d meting

[52] 2^{ly} to see if the town Will Rase money to pay the Reverent m^r payson the one half of his Setelment acording to the towns vote

3^{ly} to see if the town Will Rase money to pay Revrent m^r paysons salery from his ordonation for one year

4^{ly} to see if the town Will Rase money to suport a Scool or Scools or vote aney thing Refering their to as they fhall think proper

5^{ly} to see if the town Will Rase money to pay for buelding the pulpet or vote aney thing Refering their to as they fhall think proper

6^{ly} to See if the town Will Search into the Setelment of the Eftate of Samuel hart Defest and to see if the Widos thirds are not alowd to her by the Judge or bonds taken for the incomb of hir thirds

7^{ly} to see if the town Will allow thofe perfons Who have or fhall Work out moer then their high Way Rats this present year in the next years high Way Rats

Here of faile not and make Return of this Warent With your Dowings their on to fume Wone of us the subscribers at on or befor the Day above mentned Given under our hand & Seal this 29 Day of august & in the Eighth year of his majests Reign A D 1768

Thos Cowdin	} Select meen	
Amos Kimball		
Isaac Gibfon		
		for
		fitchburgh

In obedance to the Within Warent I have Warnd all the free holders & other inhabitents qualified by Law to

vote in town afaers to afemble and meet at the time & place Within mentned

fitchburgh Septembr y^e 19 1768

Ebenezer Bridge Cunftable

at a Legal meting of the free holders & other inhabitants of the town of fitchburgh afembled on Septembr the 19 1768

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1^{ly} Chofe Decon Amof Kimball moderater

2^{ly} Votd to Rafe fixty fix pounds thirten fhilings & four pence to pay mr John pafon the one half of his Setelment acording to the vote of the town lot forth in his Call £66 13 4

[53] 3^{ly} voted to Rais fixty pounds to pay the Reverent mr John payfon his falery for the first years falery £60 00 0

4^{ly} voted to Rais Eight pounds to provid fcoooling for the year in fuing and to Lay out three quarters in two places the other quarter to be Laid out in mr Elifha fullams Corner and mr phinebas Hartwells Corner 8 00 0

5^{ly} voted that mofes Thurlo Kindal Boutwal & Nehemiah fuller be a Comite to provid a fcool master and a place or places Convenent to Keep f^d fchool

6^{ly} voted to Rafe twenty three pounds fix fhilings and Eight penc to pay for Buelding the pulpt in the meting house 23 6 8

7^{ly} voted to farch in to fetelment of the Eftate of Samuel Harte Eftate Defest and that Thos Cowdin or Decon Kimball be apointed to farch into the Setelment of f^d Eftate to fee if the Widos thirds are not fecurd to her or bonds taken for the inconb of f^d thirds for maintainance of f^d Wido

8^{ly} voted to alowe the high Way fevaers to Work out What they think nefesery over and above the taxes this prefent year and that they fhall be alowd the next year out of their high Way Rats

the meting Difolvd

Thos Cowdin town Clark

Worster: fs September y^e 19th 1768

To m^r: Ebenezer Bridge Cunstable for the town of Fitchburgh Greeting: In his majestyes Name you are Required to Warn all the Free-Holders and others: Inhabitan-
 tance of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualefide By Law to Vote in Town Afaires to Asemble and meet at the meting house on monday the Nineteenth of this Instant September at four oClock in the after Noon then and there Being Duly met and Form:d to Act on the Articels Foloing:

first to Chuse a moderater for Government of Said meting: Secondly To See If the Town Will Chuse a Com-
 mitty According to the Request of the Select men of Boston Sent to this town to Desire Said town to Call a town meting To Consider the Present Critcele Situation of the Govements afaiers or Vote Any thing Refering their to: as they Shall Think Proper:

Hereof Fail Not and make Return of this Warrent at on or before the Time above Said Given under our hands and Seal this Nineteenth Day of September and in the Eighth year of his majestyes Reign A D: 1768

Thomas Cowdin	} Select men for Fitchburgh
Amos Kimball	

Worster: fs: In obedance to your Warrent I have Warned all the freeholders and others Inhabitan-
 ce to met at the meting house afore menched

Fitchburgh September y^e 19th: 1768

Ebenez^r Bridges Cunstable

[54] at a Legal meting of the free holders and other inhabitents inhabitents of the town of fitchburgh asemblyed on Septr the 19 1768

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1^{ly} Chose Cap^t David Goodridge moderater

2^{ly} vted and Chose the honorable Edward Hartwell Esq^r to be agent for the town of fitchburg to Joyn the Comite of the town of Boston acording to their Request sent by the Gentlemen select meen of boston sent to the town of fitchburgh

then the meting Disolvd

Thos Cowdin town Clark

march y^e 6 1769

(feal) Worcest^r fs

To mr Ebenezer Bridge Cunstable for the town of
fitchburg Greting

In his mgestes name you are Requird to warn all the
free holders and other Inhabitents of the town of fitch-
burgh by Law to vote in town afaers to asamble & meet
at the metinghouse on mondy the fixth Day of march
next at Nine O Clock in the foure noon then & their
being Duely meet & formd to act on the articles folowing

1^{ly} to Chuese a moderater for Government of f^d meting

2^{ly} to Chuse Select meen & other town oficers for the
year Ifuing

3^{ly} to see if the town will alow m^r Phinehas Steward
Cunstable four pounds Lawfull money which f^d steward
sayth was not alowd him when he Recond with the town
treffhorr by a Resept which f^d Steward found after their
setlment

4^{ly} to make provison for the maintaince of m^{rs} Hart

5^{ly} to Rafe money to Repare bridges & mend the high
ways or vote any thing Refering ther to as they shal
think proper

6^{ly} to Exept of such high ways as shal be Laid out
by the Select meen or their order

7^{ly} to Exept of such acounts as shal apear to be Due
from the town

8^{ly} to see if the town wont bueld a pownd

9^{ly} to see if town will alow the swine to Run at Large
the year Infuing

10^{ly} to see if the town will abate Timothy parkers
Rats in phinehas Stewards Rates

11^{ly} to see if the town will Discontinue a Roade Laid
out from m^r Witts through moses Thurlos Land & James
Grays Land to the old Roade Leding to Lunenburg also
to see if the town will Discontinue the Rode from mr Witts
to moses & william thurlos

[55] Here off sale not & make Return of this war-
rent with your Dowings there on to Sum one of us the
Subscribers at or before the Day above mentned Given
under our hands & Seals this seventeenth Day of this

Infent febuery & in the Ninth year of his mgefts Reign . .
A D 1769

Thos Cowdin	}	Select meen for fitchburgh
Amos Kimball		
Ifaac Gibfon		

fitchburgh march the 6 1769

in obedance to the within warent I have warnd all
the free holders & other inhabitants of the town of fitch-
burgh qualified by Law to vote in town afaers to afemble
and meete at the mtngthouse on the fixth Day of march to
act on the artels of the within written Warent

pr Ebenezer Bridge Cunstable

at a Legal meting of the free holders & other Inhabi-
tents of the town of fitchburgh afembled on march the 6
1769

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

- 1^{ly} Chofe Decon John Thuften moderater
- 2^{ly} Chofe Thos Cowdin & Ifaac Gibfon & Decon John
Thuften Select meen
- 3^{ly} Chofe Thos Cowdin town Clark
- 4^{ly} Chofe Thos Cowdin town trefhror
- 5^{ly} Chofe Jonathan Wood Cunstable
- 6^{ly} Chofe James Litch & James Gray . . . wardens
- 7^{ly} Chofe William Thurlo & Eph^m OZburn & Nehe-
miah fuller francis fullam & phinihas Hartwell & Thos
Cowdin and that Each Survaer work one Day on the
County Road With ther Respective Deftricts Wheir it fhall
apear moft nedfull and the furveyer be Colectors . Survoir
of high Ways
- 8^{ly} Chofe Jefse french & Jofeph Downe . tiethen meen
- 9^{ly} Chofe Ephraim Smith & Nichlos Danforth . . Dere
Reves
- 10^{ly} Chofe phinehas Hartwell & Ebenezer Bridge &
Kindal Boutall fier Wards
- 11^{ly} Chofe Ichabod Smith & William Steward & Sam-
uel Peirce & mordaci moors hog Reves
- 12^{ly} Chofe Soloman Steward furvoyr of . . Survoyr
of Clabords & Shingls
- 13^{ly} Chofe Jonathan Wood . . culer of ftaves & hups

- 14^{ly} Chose William Thurlo Lether Seler
 15^{ly} Chose Decon Thufsten & Capt Goodridge . fier wards
 [56] 16^{ly} Chose John White & John Bufs . field Drivers
 17^{ly} Chose Capt Goodridge Colector of the nonrefedants
 proprietar Land tax Colector of Land tax
 18^{ly} Vted to Difmis phinehas Steward Request . . .
 19^{ly} Voted to alow mr witt five pownds fix shilings &
 Eight pene to Bord mrs Hart one year and fame proporton
 by the weke in case she should not Live til the year is
 Expred 5 . 6 8 pd
 20^{ly} Voted to Rafe fixty pownds to Repair Bridges
 and mend high Ways 60 00 0
 21^{ly} Voted that the High Way tax be workd out by
 the frst Day of Novembr next
 22^{ly} voted to Exept Such Rodes as ar Given by the
 owner of the Land
 23^{ly} Voted to Exept of a 2 Roade Rode through Caleb
 uptons Land from phinehas Hartwells Land by f^d upons
 house to the County Road and Exepted if Given
 24^{ly} aloud m^r Witt his account 00 14 9 pd
 25^{ly} aloud Thos Cowdins account 00 15 7 pd
 26^{ly} aloud Ifaac Gibsons account 00 15 4 pd
 27^{ly} aloud Decon amos Kimball account 00 5 4
 28^{ly} aloud Nehemiah fuller account 00 5 0 paid
 29^{ly} voted to buelde a pownd with Logs and that the
 Select meen be a comite
 30^{ly} voted that Every perfon in town com & work at
 f^d pownd or pay his proporton in money
 31^{ly} voted that the Swine Run at Large being well
 yockt and Ringd
 32^{ly} voted to abate Timothy parkers Rats in phinehas
 Stewards Lift 00 10 0 paid
 33^{ly} voted to Difcontinue the Roade through mofes
 thurlos and James Grays Land Leding to the old Roade
 Which Leds to Lunenburgh
 [57] 34^{ly} voted to Difcontinue the Roade between
 William Thurlo and mofes Thurlos Lands Leding from mr
 Witts
 also a two Roade Rode Given by mofes thurlo through
 his pafter by his Barn near the stone wall now bult Led-

ing to Land of William Stewards—and also a two Roade Rode Given by William Steward through his Land near his house and so through rd Stewards Land til it comes to the old County Roade nere James Grays house

the severall Town officers tuck the oaths Required by Law
The meeting Dissolved

Thos Cowdin town Clark

fitchburgh february the 28 1769

Laid out a two Roade Rode beginning at the Nor-westerdly Corner of Cornet Thos Carters Land Runing one Rode wide on Land of rd Carters and the other Rode or halfe of rd Road on Land belongin to m^r Levi Whitcomb til it Comes to Bengiman Balesys Corner then one halfe on rd Balesys Land til it Comes to the Laine that Leds to Cornet Carters house then on James Litches Land about 35 Rodes then turns on Land belongin to David or Ezra uptons til it Comes to the County Rode near James Litches house and markt markt the trees on the south side of said Roade with two notches mening two two Rods wide &c said Roade Laid out for Ruben Smith to com at his Land and the town is not to be at aney Cost or Charge til rd Smith Lives on his Land

also a two Road Rode beginning at the County Rode and Runs a westerdly pinte one Rode on mr Caleb uptons Land and one Rode on David or EZra Uptons Land til it Comes to the Land of Ezekel foulers & Runs through rd foulers Land til it comes to mr Levi Whitcombs Land and markt the trees on the South Side of rd Rode with tow notches mening two Rods Wide & one Rod wide Given by m^r Caled Upton

Thos Cowdin {
Amos Kimball { Select meen
Ifaac Gibfon { for fitchburgh

Also a two Rode Roade beginning at or near Jonathan Woods house Runing Eft to the Wido marey holts fence or the Corner of her fence anthen a strait Line to Lunenburg Line and markt the trees on the south side of rd Rode

Thos Cowdin {
Amos Kimball { Select meen
Ifaac Gibfon { for fitchburgh

[58] octobr y^e 25 1769

(Seal) To mr Jonathan Wood Cunstable for the town
of fitchburgh Greting

In His magestes name you are Requird to warn all the
free holders & other inhabitents qualified by Law to Vote
in town afaers to asemble & meet at the metinghouse on
wenfdy the wenty fifth Day of this instent octobr at one
o Clock in the after noon then and & their being Duely met
and formd to to act on the arteles folowing

1^{ly} to Chuse a moderater for Government of f^l metting

2^{ly} to Rafe money to pay m^r John paysons Setelment
and also his Salery for the present year

3^{ly} to Rafe money to provide a Scool or Scooles or
Vote aney thing thing Referring there to as the town Shall
think proper

4^{ly} to Rafe money to Defray town Charges or Vote
aney thing their to as they fhall think proper

5^{ly} ly for thofe that have Dun Serves for the town to
bring in their accounts

Here of sale not and make Return of this Warrent
with your Dowings there on to Sume one of us at or
before the time above mentned Given under our hands &
Seal this fifth Day of octobr and in the inth year of his
majests Reign A D 1769

Thos Cowdin	} Select
Ifaac Gibfon	
John Thufte	
} meen for	
} fitchburgh	

Worceftr fs fitchburgh octobr ye 25 1769

In obedeance to the within writen warrant I have
warned the frea holders & other in habitents qualified by
Law to Vote in town affaers to asemble & meet at the
time and place within mentned to act on the artels within
mentned

Jonathan Wood Cunstable

at a Legal meting of the free holders and other inhabi-
tents of the town of fitchburgh assembled on the 25 Day
of octobr 1769

Thos Cowdin town Clark

1^{ly} Chose Liut Ruben Gibfson moderater

2^{ly} Voted to Rafe one hundrd & thirty three pounds
fix shilings and Eight pene to pay mr John payfons yearly
falery and the Remainder of his Setelment . . . £133 6 8

[59] 3^{ly} Raifd Eight pounds to provide a Scool . £8 0 0

4^{ly} and Decon John Thuften James Gray & Soloman
Steward be a Comite to provide a Scool master

5^{ly} Voted that three quarters of the money Laid out
in two parts of the town the other quarter be Laid out
in m^r phinehas hartwells Corner & in mr Elifha fullams
Corner

6^{ly} Voted to Rafe teen pounds to Defray town
Charges 10 0 0

7^{ly} Voted to aloue Thos Cowdins account . 1 11 0 pd

8^{ly} Voted to aloue Ifaac Gibfons account . . 00 5 4 pd

9^{ly} Voted to aloue John Thuftens account . 00 4 0 pd

The meting Difolvd

Thos Cowdin town Clark

To all people To Whome thefe presents shall com Gret-
ing Know ye that I Amos Kimball of fitchburgh in the
County of Woreeftr and provance of the mafachufets bay
in New England Gent^l for & in Confideration of the Re-
fpect I have for the Inhabitants of the Town of fitch-
burgh I here by Give Grant Convay and Confairm unto
the inhabitants of ^{fd} town & to their heirs for Ever one
acre of Land Lying and being in fitchburgh afore faid
begining at a pillar of ftones Near my potash and Runs
Southerdly Eight Rods then maks an angle and Runs
twenty Rods Efterdly then mak an angle and Runs Eight
Rods notherdly then mak an angle and Runs twenty
Rods Wefterdly to the bounds frft mentned for the ufe
and priveledge of a buering yard and that only

To have and to hold the faid Granted & Given premifes
with all the privilege and benefit of a bueriang yard and
a Commodations to the same belongin or in aney wife
apertaning to them and their heirs for Ever and I the
faid amos Kimball for my felf heirs Executors and admin-
frators Do Covenant promis and Grant to and with the

inhabitants of the town of fitchburgh that before the
 Enseling here of I am the true and sole oner of the above
 Granted premises and have Good Right full power and
 Lawfull athorety to Grant Convay and to Confairm the
 said premises in maner as aforefaid further I the aid amos
 Kimball for my self heirs Executers and administrators Do
 covenant and Engage the above Demised premises to the
 inhabitants of f^d town and heirs against the Lawfull
 Claims or Demands of aney person or persons whatsoever
 for Ever hereafter to warrant secure and Defend by these
 presents In witnes here unto I have sot to my hand and
 Seal this twenty third Day of Decembr A D 1769 and in
 the tenth year of his mjefts Reign in presents of

*Amos Kimball [Seal.]

David Goodridge

Thos Cowdin

[60] Janeuery y^e 11 Day 1770

(fele) Worcest^r fs To m^r Jonathan Wood Cunstable
 for the town of fitchburgh Greting

In his majestis name you are herby Requird to Warn
 all the fee holders & other Inhabitents of the town of
 fitchburgh qualfied by Law to vote in town asfaers to
 asemble & meet at the meting house on thurfdy the
 Eleventh Day of this Inttent Janeuery at ten O Clock in
 the fore noone then and their being Duely meet & formd
 to act on the artels folowing

1^{ly} to Chuse a moderater for Government of f^d meting

2^{ly} to see what method the town will Come Into to
 buield & Repair the bridges in f^d town Caried off by the
 Late flud or vote aney thing Refering their too as they
 fhall think proper

3^{ly} to see whether the town wont omitt having aney
 Scoole this Winter & Reserve their Scoole money til next
 fall

4^{ly} to see if the town will omit the fine which Eliphlet
 mace Gave the town a note for or aney part of the fine &c

* These are actual signatures, and the seal is affixed to the page.
 [W. A. D.]

Here off faile not & make Return of this Warrent to
sume one of us at or before the time above mentned Given
under our hands & seale this Eighth Day of Janeuery &
in the tenth year of his majestys Reign A D 1770

Thos Cowdin { Affsors
Ifaac Gibfon { for
John Thufston { fitchburgh

Worceftr fs In obediant to the within written I have
warned all the free holders & other inhabtants to meet &
afemble at time & place within mentned

Jonathan Wood Cunstable

At a Legal meting of the inhabitants of the town of
fitchburgh afsembled on Janeuery the Eleventh 1770

Thos Cowdin town Clark

1^{ly} Chose Capt David Goodridge moderater . . .

2^{ly} Voted to build the bridge in the old spot . . .

3^{ly} Voted to Rafe thirty pounds to Build & Repair the
bridges in 1st town 30 00 00

4^{ly} Voted to Work the money out in the ufel maner

5^{ly} Chose foloman fteward & phinchas Steward & John
putman be a committe to buield the bridge

6^{ly} Voted not to have aney scoole this winter but
Referve their money til next fall

7^{ly} Voted to abate twenty Eight fhilings out of forty
fhilings which was the fine Due to the town from Eliphlet
mace for Giveing in a false Invoice to the affsors
and their Remains Due to the town twelve fhilings
only 00 12 00 paid

The meting Difolved

Thos Cowdin town Clark

[61]

1770 March 5th

(Seal) Worcester fs To M^r Jonathan Wood Consta-
ble for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting —

In His Majistys Name you are Required to Warn all
the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town Quali-
fyed by Law to Vote in Town Affairs to Afsemble and
Meet at the Meeting Houfe On Monday the fifth day of

March Next at Nine o'Clock in the forenoon then their being duly meet and formed to Act on the following Articles Viz^t —

1. To Choose a Moderator for Government of said Meeting

2 To Choose Select Men and other Town Officers . . .

3 To Except of such Town Roads as fhall be Laid out by the Select Men or their Order

4 To Raise Money to Mend the high Ways and Vote any thing Refering thereto as they shall think Proper . . .

5 To hear the Accounts of the Town Treasurer from the Select Men

6 To see if the Town will Raife Money to Provide the Town with Weights and Measures or any other Town Articles as the Town shall think Proper

7 To See if the Town will lett the Swine Run at Large the Year Enfuing

8 To See what Method the Town will take to Provide a Support for M^{rs} Hart's Maintenance and Vote any thing thereto as they shall think proper

9 To see if the Town will Relieve the Widow Mary Upton for Distresses Occasioned by Frowns of Divine Providence and Abate Her Husbands Rates. Rates on Ifaac Gibfon & Bridges List

Hereof fail not: and Make Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to sum One of us the Subscribers At on on or before the Day above Mentioned. Given Under Our hand and seal this fourteenth day of February and in the Tenth Year of His Majistys Reign A D 1770

10 N B see what Method the Town will take in Re-building the Bridge Near Capt. Goodriges Occasion^d by a floods Carrying of the said Bridge a Vote any thing referring thereto, as the Town fhall think Proper

Tho^s Cowden } Select Men for the
John Thurston } Town of Fitchburg

[62] March 5th 1770—

Worcester fs In Obediance to the within Written Warrant I have warned all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to

Assemble and meet at the time and Place with in mentioned
to Act on the Articles within Mentioned—

Jonathan Wood Constable

At a Legal Meeting of the Freeholders & Inhabitants
of the Town of Fitchburgh assembled On March the 5th
1770

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

- 1st Choose Cap^t. David Goodridge Moderator . . .
- 2^d the same Tho^s Cowdin. Cap^t. David Goodridge &
John White Select Men Select Men
- 3^d Thomas Cowden Town Clerk . . . Town Clerk
- 4 Thomas Cowden Town Treasurer . Town Treasurer
- 5 Choose Joseph Spafford Constable and The Town
Accepted of Deacon John Thurston in his Room . Constable
- 6 Choose Charles Willard & James Pool Wardens . .
Wardens
- 7 Choofe Phinehas Hartwell & sam^l Pierce . . Tyth-
ing Men
- 8 Choofe Soloman Steward & Hezekiah Hodgskin
Surveyors of High ways & Kindal Boutell & Nichols
Danforth & John Putmun & James Litch & Joseph Low
to be Collector of high way Taxes . . high way Surveyors
9. Choofe Silas Snow & Tho^s Hartwell be Deer
Reives Deer Reives
10. Choofe John Bufs & John Mudg fire Wards . fire Wards
11. Choofe David Pierce. Elijah Carter & Eliphalet
Mace Hog Reives
12. Choofe folomon Steward to be a surveyor of Clap-
boards & fhingles Clapboards & Shingles
- 13 Choofe Jonathan Wood to be a Culler of Staves
& Hoops Culler of Staves & Hoops
- 14 Choofe Ephraim Osborne & Phinehas Steward to
be fence Viewers fence Viewers.
- 15 Choofe William Thurlo Cealer of Leather . . Cealer
of Leather
- [63] 16th Choose Mordecai Moores & Eliphalet Mace
to be field drivers Field Drivers
17. Fitchburgh October 5. 1769 Laid out a two Rod
Road begining at M^r John Bukses House & Runs through

fd Bufse,s land till it comes to Land of Mr Eleazer Houten so through Mr Houtens land till it comes to Mr Joshua Goodridges Land so through said Goodridges Land till it comes to Comon Land so through the Comon Land till it comes to Land of Deacon Amos Kimballs Land & through said Kimballs Land till it comes to the Road that leads from Hezekiah Hodgskin,s Road that leads to the Meeting Houfe and Marked Trees on the South side of the road & Excepted if the land be given by the Owners

Thos Cowden	}	Select Men of Fitchburgh
Isaac Gibfon		
John Thurfton		

18 March 3^d 1770 A two Rod Road laid out from Mr Benja^a Jaquiths House Runing South Westerly till it comes to a Black Oak tree from that tree Runing through Comon Land to a Black Oak in Mr John Whites Land and through said Whites Land by the West end of his Houfe till it comes to the Town Road & this be a Bridle Road and this Road given by Mr John White present at the Town Meeting for a Bridle Road

John Thurston	}	Comittee appointed by the Select Men
John White		

19 March 3^d 1770 Laid out a two Rod Road by Order of the Select Men begining at Afhby line and Runing through Coll^o Browns land and then through William Smalls Land and then thro', John Putnams Land and through Isaac Gibfon Land to the Old Road that Leads to Afhby and Marked trees on the Easterly side of said Road

and the land given by W^m Small John Putnam & Isaac Gibfon Present at the Town Meeting

Isaac Gibfon	}	Comittee appointed by the Select Men
John Putnam		
William Small		

[64] 1770 March 5th

20 Voted & Raised One hundred Pounds to Repare the high ways and to pay those that have worked more than hath been Afsefd on the Several Perfons . . . £100

21 Voted that the Town pay for the Rum that was Expended at the severel Bridges

22 Voted that the highway taxes be Worked out in the Usual Manner

23 Voted & Accepted of the Town Treasurer Accounts as they stand by the select Men that is Due to Thos Cowden £76 .. 19 . 4

24 Voted that the select Men Provide a sett of Weights & Measures for the Towns use

25 Voted that the Swine run at Large being Lawfully yoked & Ringd

26 Voted to pay Mordecai Moores for Boarding Mr^s Hart Three pounds Eight shillings & Eight pence for One whole year and so in proportion by the Week in Case that she should not live till the year is Expired

27 Voted to abate Mr^s Upton^s pole tax in Mr^s Ifaac Gibson & Ebenezer Bridges Lists . . . aloud Gibson pd aloud m^r Bridge 1-2-6 pd

28 Voted to Accept of Deacon John Thurston Constable in the Room of Mr^s Joseph Spafford . . Constable The Meeting Disolved—

The Sevrall Town officers tuck the oaths Riquird by Law

Thos^s Cowdin Town Clerk

[65] Octobr the 1 1770—

(seal) Worcest^r ls To mr John Thurston Cunstable for the Town of fitchburgh Greting

In His majests name you are Requird to warne all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh qualifid by Law to vote in Town a faers to a Semble and meet att the meting house on mondy the first Day of octobr next at one O Clock in the after noon then & their being Duely met and formd to act on the artels folowing

1^{ly} to Chuefe a moderater for Government of f^d meting

2^{ly} to Raife money for the Rev^{rt} mr John Paysons Salery for the year Insuing

3^{ly} Raife money to provide a Scoole or Scooles and vote aney thing Refering their to as they shall think proper

4^{ly} to have all persons bring in their a Counts that have Dun Serves for the Town

5^{ly} to Raife aney fum or fumes of money to Defray Town Charges as the Town fhall think proper . . .

6^{ly} to fee if Town will vote to have the Records Taken out of the old Town book and Enterd in the new book by the Town Clark and Compard by a Comite . . .

7^{ly} to fee if the Town Will a bate aney part of the Rates on Ebenezer Bridges List & also Ifaac Gibfons List

Here of faile not and make Returne of this Warrant with your Dowings there on to fume one of us at or befor the Day above mentned Given under our hands and Seale this Eleventh Day of Sep^r and in the Tenth year of his majefts Reign A D 1770

Tho ^s Cowdin	}	Select men for fitchburgh
David Goodridge		
John White		

Worceftr fs octobr the 1 1770 —

In obedience to the within Warant I have notifid the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh to apear at time and place mentned in to act on the artels incerted their in
John Thufton Cunftable

[66] at a Legal meting of the fre Holders and other Inhabitants of Town of fitchburgh afembled on octobr the 1 1770 —

Tho^s Cowdin Town Clark

1^{ly} Chofe John White moderater

2^{ly} Voted to Rafe Sixty Six pounds thirteen and foure pene to pay the Reverant m^r John Payson his Salery for the year Infuing 66-13 4

3^{ly} Voted to Rafe five pounds thirteen fhilings and foure pence to be Laid out in Scooling 5 13 4

4^{ly} Voted That Ruben Gibson & Decon Kimball & Jonathan Wood be a Comite to provide a Scoole master and that 3 quarters of the money be Laid out 2 parts of the Town the other quarter be Laid out in phinehas Hartwells Corner & Boutals Corner of the Town

5^{ly} Voted to alow Tho^s Cowdins a Count . . pd 3 11 3

6^{ly} Voted to alow m^r Witts a Count pd 00 6 10-2

7^{ly} Voted to alow Decon Thuftons a Count . . pd 00 6 3

8^{ly} Voted to allow Capt Goodridges a Count pd 00 10 8

9^{ly} Voted to allow John Whites a Count . . pd 00 2 6

10^{ly} Voted to allow Joseph Polleys a Count . pd 00 1 6

11^{ly} Voted to allow Ebenezer Bridges a Count pd 00 13 4

12^{ly} Voted to Draft the old Records off the old Town Book and that Cap^t Goodridge & John White be a Comite to Compare the Records when Drafted by the Town Clark

13^{ly} Voted to abate out of Isaac Gibbons List of Town & provence Rate paid Gibbon 2 11 9-2

[67] 14^{ly} Voted to allow Ebenezer Bridge two pounds five shilings on account of hildrecks & Noah Wizels Rates pd 2 5 0

15^{ly} Voted to Raise thirteen pounds six shilings & Eight pence to Defray Town Charges 13 6 8

The Meting Difolved

Tho^s Cowdin Town Clark

march the 4 1771

(Seale) Worcest^r fs

To m^r John Thufston Cunstable for the Town of fitchburgh Gretting

In his mjefts name you are Requird to warne all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh qualified by Law to Vote in Town afaers to assemble & meet at the meeting house on mondy the fourth Day of march next at nine O Clock in the foure noon then & their being meet & formd to act on the articals folowing

1^{ly} to Chuefe a moderator for Government of f^d meeting

2^{ly} to Chuefe Select men & other Town officers for the year Infuing

3^{ly} to Exept of fuch Roads as are Laid out by the Select men or their order

4^{ly} to Raise money to mend the high ways & Vote any thing Refering there to as they Shall Think proper

5^{ly} to see if the Town will Exept of the Town Treafurers accounts as they Stand Examined by the Select men

6^{ly} to Raise money to Suport m^{rs} Hart or Vote any thing Refering there to as They fhall Think proper . . .

7^{ly} to Se if the Town will abate Such Rates as fhall be Laid before the Town by the Cunftables or Vote any thing Refering there to as they fhall think proper . . .

8^{ly} to Se if the Town will Exept of fuch accounts as fhall be Laid before the Town

9^{ly} to heare the accounts of the fevral Colectors of high way Taxes for the year pafst & Vote any thing Referring there to as they Shall Think proper

10^{ly} to fee if the Town will Take up the 2 hind feates & feel that Ground with the 2 alleys to the Highest bidder or Vote any thing Refering there to as they fhall Think proper

11^{ly} to bring in the Vots of the Town for a Cuntly Regstr

12^{ly} to fee if the Town will Exept of the Select mens Report in comparing the old Records as they are Taken off the old Book

[68] 13^{ly} to See if the Swine may Run at Large in Town the year Infuing

Here of fale not & make Return of this warrant to Sume one of us the Subfcribors at or before the Day above mentned Given under our hand & feale this fourth Day of febuery A D 1771 & in the Eleventh year of his majefts Reign

Tho ^s Cowdin	{	Select men for fitchburgh
David Goodridge		
John White		

Worceftr fs fitchburgh march the 4 1771

In obedience to the Within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of f^{al} Town according to the Towns Vote
John Thufton Cunftable

At a Legal meting of the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh afembled march the 4 1771

Tho^s Cowdin Town Clark

1^{ly} Voted & Chose Decon Amos Kimball moderator . .

2^{ly} Voted & Chose Amos Kimball Tho^s Cowdin & cap^t David Goodridge Select men Select men

3^{ly} Voted & Chose Tho^s Cowdin Town Clark . Town
Clark

4^{ly} Voted & Chose Tho^s Cowdin Town Treafurer . Town
Treafurer

5^{ly} Voted & Chose Ifaiah Witt Cunstable . Cunstable

6^{ly} Voted & Chose Jonathan Smith & Ebenezer Wood
Wardens Wardens

7^{ly} Voted & Chose Ephriham OZburn & Hezekiah
Hodgkin Tythen men Tythen men

8^{ly} Chose cap^t David Goodridge & Jefse french & maxiⁱ
Jewitt & Daniel putnam & Elijah Carter & Kindall Bou-
tall & Eliphlet mace Colectors of high way Taxes high
way Survaers

9^{ly} Chose Jonathan page & Icabod Smith Deere Reves
Deer Reves

10^{ly} Chose Jofhua parce & John Bufs fier wards fier
wards

11^{ly} Chose Icabod Smith & oliver Davis & Jonathan
Holt & Ebenezer Thufton Hog Reves hog Reves

12^{ly} Chose Soloman Steward Survar of Clabords &
Shingels Clabords & Shingels

13^{ly} Chose John Bufs Culler of hups & Staves Culler
of hups & Staves

[69] 14^{ly} Chose Tho^s Starns & Decon John Thufton
fence Vewers fence vers

15^{ly} Chose William Thurlo Seler of Lether Seler of
Lether

16^{ly} *We have Laid out a 2 Rod Rode begining at m^r
Jonathan pages & abraham farwells Southerdly Divison
Corner Runing Southerdly through m^r Olivers Land to m^r
phinehas Hartwells Land & through f^d Hartwells Land
til it coms to Ebenezer Harringtons Land fo through f^d
Harringtons til it coms the Rode that Leeds from m^r hart-
wells Land to f^d harringtons house fo by harringtons
house on the South Side of f^d house Runing Easterdly to
or near the Spring then turns Southerdly & Runing through
Comon Land to Land of mofes perly fo through f^d perlys
Land to Land of Ebenezer Thuftons Down to f^d Thuftons

*First location of part of Ashby West Road and Flat Rock Road.
[Annotation on the margin.—W. A. D.]

house then Runing from f^d Thustens house strait to the old County Rode so folowing the old County Rode Down to the prefont County Rode at the Botom of pine hill so caled & markt trees on the Easterdly Side of f^d Rode

fitchburgh march the 11 1771 and Exepted if Given the f^d Hartwell Referving all the timber in f^d Road

Tho ^s Cowdin	}	Select men for fitchburgh
John White		

17^{ly} * We have Laid out a Rode Begining at holow a Litle below a yarde Caled m^r David Goodels yard about one hundred Rods West of m^r David Goodels saw mill Runing Easterdly by f^d mill til it Coms to the old Rode that Leeds by m^r Goodels house then Turning north & Laid out a 2 Rode Road through f^d Goodels Land til it Coms to Land of Icabod Smiths so through f^d Smiths Land til it Coms to Land of francis fullams & the Land Given by f^d Goodel & f^d Smith through bothe of Their farms til f^d Rode Striks francis fullams Land then Runing Strait by f^d fullams house by the East End of f^d house strait through f^d fullams Land to Land of Joseph Downes so through f^d Downes Land by the Easterdly End of his house Whare f^d Rode mets the Town Rode Laid out by Select men as apears by the Records on the Town Book & Exepted by the Town if Given at their anual meeting march 7 1768

Said Rode through m^r francis fullams Land Exepted by the Town upon the Towns Axpence in Cafe m^r francis fullam will not Give the Land fitchburgh febuery the 21 1771

Tho ^s Cowdin	}	Select men for fitchburgh
David Goodridge		
John White		

[70] 18^{ly} We have Laid out a 2 Rod Rode begining at John Gibsons north Line Runing a Southerdly point through f^d Gibsons Land til it Coms to a Corner of m^r foxcrafts Land & Runing through m^r foxcrafts Land til it Cons to Land of Tho^s Willards & through f^d Willards

*Old location road now called Franklin Road. [Annotation on the margin.—W. A. D.]

Land til it Coms to Land ownd by the hairs of Secretry Willards & through f^d Willards Land til it Coms to Land belongin to Ebenezer Bridge & Zacariah Whitney J^{ur} Land So Runing betwen f^d Bridges & Whitneys Land til it Coms to old Rode Leding from Ebenezer Bridges to the meeting house & markt Trefe on the Westerdly Side of f^d Rode & the Land Given by f^d Gibson & f^d Willard through their Lands the other part Exepected if Given fitchburgh febuery the 28 1771

Thos Cowdin } Select men
John White } for
 } fitchburgh

19^{ly} Axepted of a Bridel Rode Through m^r Ephrihams Kimballs Land from Solomans Stewards Land til it comes to Decon Amos Kimballs Land by the buerieng yard & the privilege of the Land Given by m^r Ephriham Kimball so Long as Their is Good Gates made & maintained by m^r Soloman Steward or aney other perfon pofesfing f^d Soloman Stewards farm

20^{ly} Voted to Rafe ninty pounds to be workt out on the high ways & that the Colectors make up and complet their Coleton by the first of novembr next or be a Countable to the Town Trefurer for the Renainder part in mony & that thofe that work be aloud in the ufe maner £90 - 0 - 0

21^{ly} Voted And Exepected the Town Treafurers accounts as they ftand Examend by the Selectmen & that they find that Thos Cowdin Town Treafurer hath paid out Sixty one pound Eighteen Shilings & Eight pene more then he hath Refevd of the Towns money £61 - 18 8

22^{ly} Voted to pay m^r Witt three pounds Seventeen Shilngs & foure for bording m^{rs} Hart pence for one whole year & fo in proporton by the weke in Cafe fhe fhould not Live til the year is Expired £3 - 17 - 4 pd

[71] 23^{ly} Voted and abated John putnams Town Tax in Jonathan Woods List £1 2 - d1 - 01
also John muge Rates in Jonathan Woods List 1 6 1 1
also Petter Nurce in Dito 1 6 - 1 - 1
also William Small in Dito 1 6 - 1 1
also Zacariah Whitneys J^{ur} Dito 1 6 - 1 1

total paid £6 - 6 - 6 - 1

24^{ly} Voted to allow John putnam his aCount which is 1 3 - 6 pd

25^{ly} Voted that all the old Colectors of high way taxes for the year 1770 Shall complet their Colection by the first of June next or be accountable to the Town Treafurer for the Remainder of the money that shall not be workt out by the time above mentned

26^{ly} Voted to Sell the Ground where the hind Seet together with the 2 alles to the Hiest bidder & that the money Shall be Laid out in finefing the meetinghouse & that the Ground be Sold to the Inhabitants of the Town & no other perfon & that Decon Kimball Tho^s Cowdin & Cap^t David Goodridge be a Comitte to dispose of the Ground whare the 2 hind sets stands together with the 2 alles & that they be impowerd to Give Deeds of the Ground in the metng house as above mentned

27^{ly} Voted to Exept of the Records as they are Compar'd by the Comitte

28^{ly} Voted that the Swine Run at Large the year Infuing

The meetting Defolved

Amos Kimball moderator

The Sevrall Town oficers Tuck the oaths Requird by Law

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

[72] may the 28 1771

(feale) Worcest^r Is To mr Ifaiah Witt Cunstable for the Town of fitchburgh Greeting

In his majestes name you are Requird to Warne all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh qualifid by Law to Vote in town afaers to asemble & meet at the meeting house on tuesdy the twenty Eighth Day of this Instant may at two O Clock in the after noone then & their being Duely meet & formd to act on the articles folowing

1^{ly} to Chuese a moderator for Goverment of s^d meeting

2^{ly} to See What method the Town will Come Into to Build & Repaire the Bridges that are Carried a Way

& Damnified by the floods or Vote aney thing Refering their to as they fhall thin proper

Here off faile not and make Return of this Warrant to Sum one of us the Subscribers at or befor the time above mentned Given under our hand & Seale this fourteenth Day of may A D 1771 & in the Eleventh year of his majests Reign

Thos Cowdin	{	Select meen
Amos Kimball		for
David Goodridge		fitchburgh

Worcestr fs fitchburgh may the 28 1771

In obedience to the within warrant I have warnd all the Inhabitants & others qualified by Law to vote in Town afares to afemble at y^e place a Cording to the within Warrant

pr Ifaiah Witt Cunstable

At a Legal meeting of the fre holders & other Inhabitants of Town of fitchburgh afembled may the 28 1771

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1^{ly} Chose Decon Amos Kimball moderator

2^{ly} Voted & Chose James Poole & Kindal Boutal & Silos Snow to be a Commitee to Buield the Bridge over the River at m^r David Goodels Saw mill and that they be aloud & paid by the Town

3^{ly} Voted that Capt David Goodridge Repair the Bridge over the River by the meting house & that the Town alowe pay for that serves

Amos Kimbal moderator

The meeting Disolved pr Thos Cowdin Town Clark

[73] Octobr the 1 1771

(Seal) Worcest^r fs To mr Ifaiah Witt Cunstable for the Town of fitchburgh Greetings

I his majests name you are herby Requird to Warne all the Inhabitants of f^{id} Town to afemble & meet at the meeting hous on fryda the first Day of novembr next at one O Clock in the afternoone then & their being duely meet & formd to act on the articels folowing . . .

1^{ly} to Chuse a moderator for Government of 1st meeting
 2^{ly} to Rase money to pay the Revrant m^r John Payson
 his Salery for the year past

3^{ly} to Rase money to provide a scool or scools & vote
 aney thing Refering their to as they fhall think proper . .

4^{ly} to see if the Town Will Do aney thing further
 towards finishing the meeting house or vote aney thing
 Refering their to as they fhall think proper

5^{ly} to See if the Town will alowe the Seet next to the
 pues Ground Latly sold to be moved as much forwarder
 as the Seet will Convenantly alowe of & Give the Ground
 to the purchasesors of the pue Ground

6^{ly} to have those that have Done Serves for the Town
 bring in their accounts & Rase money to pay the same

7^{ly} to See if the Town will abate aney Rats in aney
 of the former Cunstabls Lists

8^{ly} to See if the Town will Rase aney Sum or Sumes
 of money to Defray Town Charges

Here of fale not & make Return of this Warrant to
 Some one of us at or befor the Day above mentned Given
 under our hands & Seale this sixteenth Day of octobr &
 in the twelf year of his majests Reign A D 1771

Amos Kimball	{ Select men
Tho ^s Cowdin	
David Goodridge	
	{ for
	{ fitchburgh

[74] Worcest^r fs In obedance to the within warrant
 I have warned all the Inhabitants of this Town qualified
 by Law to vote in Town afairs fitchburgh Novembr the 1
 1771

Isaiah Witt Cunstable

at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
 fitchburgh asembld on Novembr the 1 1771

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1^{ly} Chose Capt David Goodridge moderator

2^{ly} Voted to Rase sixty six pounds thirteen shilings &
 foure pene to pay m^r John Payson his Salery for the year
 past 66 - 13 - 4

3^{ly} Voted to Rase nine pounds to provide a scool 9-0-0

4^{ly} Voted that Ebenezer Bride & James Poole & phinehas Hartwell be a Comittee to provide a scool master & that thre quarters of the money be Laid out in 2 parts of the Town & the other quarter in phinehas Hartwells & James Pooles Corner of the Town

5^{ly} Voted and Chose a Committe to make a plan of the pue Ground in the Galeres behind the Seets & that moses Thurlo & Soloman Steward & John Putnam be a Committe and they mak a plan and Return to the town at their next Town meeting

6^{ly} Voted that the hind Seet be moved 4 inches & that the Ground be Given to those persons that that purchsed the pue Ground

7^{ly} Voted to pay mr James Poole & Silos Snow & Kindal Boutal nine pounds 11/8 for Building a Bridge over the River by mr Goodels Saw mill 9-11-8

8^{ly} Voted to alow Decon Kimball 18/8 . . . pd 0 18 8

9^{ly} Voted to alow Capt David Goodridge 25/4 pd 1-5-4

[75] 10^{ly} Voted to alow Samuel Walker 28/5 pd 1 8 5

11^{ly} Voted to alow Thos Cowdin pd £4 2 7

12^{ly} Voted to ajurne this meeting til the 18 Day of this Instant Novemlbr a one o Clock in the after noon . .

13^{ly} Voted that the pues Ground in the Galerys be Sold at vandue & that the hiest bider fhall be the purchfer & that the Inhabitants of the Town be the purchfers & now other persons & that the money be Laid out in finifhing the meeting houle

14^{ly} Voted that Decon Kimball Tho^s Cowdin & Capt Goodridge be a Committe to fell the pues Ground in the Galerys and Give Deeds of the Ground to the purchfers

15^{ly} Voted that Tho^s Cowdin & Capt Goodridge & Ebenezer Woods be a Committe to finifh the meeting house & that it be Left to the Committe

16^{ly} Voted to abate Tho^s Palmers Rats in Jonathan Woods List £1-11-9-3 paid 1 11 9-3

17^{ly} Voted to abate Noah Wizels Rats in Jonathan Woods List paid 1 8 3 1

18^{ly} Voted to Rafe fourteen pounds to Defray Town Charges £14-0-0 14 0 0

The meeting Difolved David Goodridge moderator
pr Tho^s Cowdin Town Clark

[76] march the 2 1772

(Seal) Worcesters To m^r Ifaiah Witt Cunstable for
the Town of fitchburgh Greting

In his majests name you are Requird to warne all the
free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitch-
burgh qualified by Law to vote in Town afaers to assem-
ble & meet at the meetinghous in f^d Town on mondy the
second Day of march next at nine O Clock in the foure
noon then & their being Duely meet & formd to act on
the artcils folowing

1^{ly} to Chuese a moderator for Government of f^d meeting

2^{ly} to Chuese Select men & other Town officers for the
year Infuing

3^{ly} to Rafe money to mend the high ways & bridges
the year Infuing & vote aney thing Refering there to as
they shall think proper

4^{ly} to Exept of such Roads as are Laid out by the
Select men or their order

5^{ly} to Rafe money to suport mrs Hart or vote aney
thing Refering their to as they shall think proper

6^{ly} to Se if the Town will Chuese a Committe to wate
upon the County Courts Committe in Laying out a
County Road through fitchburgh by m^r Boutals

7^{ly} to Se if the Town will Exept of the Town Treas-
urers a Counts as they Stand Setled by the Select men

8^{ly} to Se if the Town will Discontinue the Road
through Decon Kimballs Land by the Town of Lunen-
burgh from the Decons towards Hezekiah Hodgkins

9^{ly} to See if the Town will Let the Swine Run at
Large the year Infuing

Here of sale not and make Return of this warrant to
some one of us the Subseribor at or before the Day above
mentned Given under our hands & Seals this thirteenth
Day of of febuery & in the twelfth year of his majests
Reign

	Amos Kimball	{	Select meen
A D 1772	Thos Cowdin		
	David Goodridge		

Worcesters In obedeance to the within written war-
rant I have warnd all the Inhabitants of this Town quali-
fid by Law to vote in Town affairs

fitchburgh march the 2 1772 Ifaiah Witt Cunstable

[77] at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh afembled on march the 2 1772

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1^{ly} Chose Decon Amos Kimball moderator . . .

2^{ly} Voted & Chose Thos Cowdin & Decon Amos Kimball & Decon John Thufston Select meen . . . Selet men

3^{ly} Voted & Chose Thos Cowdin Town Clark . Town Clark

4^{ly} Voted & Chose Tho^s Cowdin Town Treafurer . . Town Treafurer

5^{ly} Voted & Chose Soloman Steward Cunstable . . Cunstable

6^{ly} Voted & Chose Nehemiah fuller & Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r Wardens . . . Wardens

7^{ly} Voted & Chose Tho^s Hartwell & oliver Davis Tythen men . . . Tythen men

8^{ly} Voted & Chose Icabod Smith & Decon Kimball & mordaci moors Abraham Gibfon Charls Willard Ebenezer Woods Colectors of high way Taxes . high way Survars

9^{ly} Voted & Chose Samuel Downe & Tho^s Hartwell Deer Reves . . . Deer Reves

10^{ly} Voted & Chose Samuel Parce & Charls Willard fier . . . wards

11^{ly} Voted & Chose Samuel Parce & William Steward Jonathan Page hog Reves . . . hog Reves

12^{ly} Voted & Chose Soloman Steward Culler of Shingls & Clabords . . . Shingels & Clabords

13^{ly} Voted & Chose Jonathan Wood a Suervar of hups & ftaves . . . hups & Staves

14^{ly} Voted & Chose David Goodridge & Tho^s Cowdin fence vewers . . . fence vewers

15^{ly} Voted & Chose William Thurlo feler of Lether . . Seler of Lether

16^{ly} Voted & Raifed Eighty pounds to be workt out on the high ways & bridges £80 0 0

and that they work by the ower in the uesal maner & that Every Surver of high ways work one Day with all his whole Deftrict on the county Rode or not be aloud for that Days work

[78] 17^{ly} Voted to pay mordaci moors foure pounds ten Shilings to board m^{rs} Hart one whole year & so in proportion by the weke in Cafe she should not Live the year out £4 10 0

18^{ly} Voted & Chose David Goodridge Thos Cowdin & Amos Kimball to be a Committe to wate upon the Countys Committe in Laying out a County Rode Through the Town of fitchburgh

19^{ly} Voted & Axepted of the Town Treasurers a Counts as they stand settled by the Select men . . .

that is we find Remanding in John Thuftens hans thirty nine pounds 16/ 10 - 92 39 16-10 2

we also find in mr Ifaiah witts hands 114 12 4

we also find that Thos Cowdin Town Treasurer hath paid over & above what he hath Refvd of the Sveral Cuntabls and Colectors of the Land taxes £58-17-7 . 58-17-7

Amos Kimball } Select
febuery the 24 1772 David Goodridge } men

20^{ly} Voted to Difcontinue the Road through Decon Kimballs Land Laid out by the Town of Lunenburgh Leding from f^l Kimballs house strait towards hezekiah Hodgkins

21^{ly} Voted to Let the Swine Run at Large being yokt & Ringd a Cording to Law

the meting Difolvd pr Amos Kimball moderator

the Sevrall Town oficers tuck the oathes Requird by Law

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

[79] October 19 1772

(seal) Worcester fs. To M^r Solomon Stewart Constable for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—

In his Majesties Name you are requird to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified by Law to vote in Town Affairs to assemble & meet at the Meeting house on Monday the Nineteenth Day of October Ins^t at One O clock in the Afternoon then & there being duely met & formed to Act on the Articles following—

1 To Choose a Moderator for government of s^d Meeting

2 To Raise Money to pay M^r Paysons Salary for the present year

3 To raise Money to provide a School or Schools and vote any Thing referring thereto as they shall think proper

4^y To have those that have done Service for the Town bring in their Accounts & raise Money to pay the fame

5^y To see what Method the Town will take to provide M^r Paysons Wood, or vote any thing referring thereto as they shall think proper

6^y To see if the Town will build a School house or Houses or vote any thing referring thereto as they shall think proper

7^y To see if the Town will abate any Rates in any of the former Constables Lists

8^y To see if the Town will do any Thing towards supporting the Bridge called Kimballs Bridge

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant to some One of us the Subscribers at or before the Day above mentioned Given under our hands & Seal this first Day of October A D 1772 & in the thirteenth year of his Majesties Reign

Tho^s Cowdin } Select Men
Amos Kimball } for
John Thurston } Fitchburg

[80] Fitchburg October 19 1772

In Obedience to the within Warrant I have warned all the Inhabitants to Assemble & meet at the Time & place within mentioned according to the tenor of the within Warrant

Solomon Stewart, Constable

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled Octob^r 19. 1772

Tho^s Cowdin Town Clark

1st Choose Cap^t David Goodridge Moderator . . .

2^d Voted to raise Sixty Six Pounds thirteen Shillings & four Pence to pay M^r Paysons Salary for the Year past 66 „ 13 „ 4

3^d Voted to Allow Joseph Sawyer his Account paid £0 4 8 pd

4 Voted to Allow Thom^s Cowdin his Account paid 8 7 7 pd

5 Voted to Allow David Goodridge his Account paid 4 10 0 pd

6 Voted to Allow Deacon John Thurston his Account paid 10 8 pd

7 Voted not to make a Rate to get Mr Paysons Wood the Year insuing; but every Person to get what Wood they think proper

8 Voted to Adjourn the Meeting, to Octob. 26. 1772—at One O clock in the Afternoon

9 Voted & choose Deacon Kimball Solomon Stewart & Tho^s Cowdin to be a Committee to repair the Bridge called Kimballs Bridge

10 Voted to abate Jonathan Holts Rates in Deacon Thurston Lists which is paid 0 17 pd

11 Voted to Abate Thomas Harri^s,s Rates in Jonathan Wood,s List—which is . . paid . . £ p^d 2 2 1 3

12 Voted to allow John Thurston five Shillings & three Pence being due from Antony Morse as a Part of his Rates, neverthelefs for John Thurston to collect s^d Rates if in his Power & make return thereof to the Town £0 p^d 5 3 pd

[81] 13. Voted to build four School houses in Fitchburg, and that each Quarter of the Town build their own School house at their own expence, free from any Town Tax, Only that each Quarter have their Proportion of the Town,s Boards & Nails, left after finishing the Meeting house

14. Voted that Deacon Kimball, Thomas Cowdin, Reuben Gibson, Phinehas Sawyer, Eben^r Woods be a Committee to fix Places to build the School. Houses upon

15. Voted to raise twenty Pounds to provide School Masters £20 – 0 – 0

16 Voted that Thom^s Cowdin Deacon Kimball, Eben^r Bridge be a Committee to provide Scoolmaster or Masters

17 Voted that each Quarter draw their proportional Part of the Money raised to provide a School

18 Voted to raise twenty Pounds to defrey Town Charges £20 – 0 – 0 – 0

Meeting disolved

David Goodridge Moderator
Thomas Cowdin Town Clerk

[82] march the 1 1773

(Seal) Worcest^r fs

To Mr Soloman Steward constable for The Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

In his majests name you are Requird to warne all the free holders & others Inhabitants quallifyd by Law to Vote in Town afairs to assemble & meet at the meeting house on mondy the first Day of march next at nine o Clock in the foer noon Then & their being Duely meet & formd to act on The folowing articles

1^y to Chuse a moderator for government of 1^d meeting

2^y to Chuse Select men & other Towne oficers for the year Insuing

3^y to Raise money to Repare the Roads & bridges for the year Insuing or Vote aney thing Refering their to as They shall think proper

4^y to Se if the Town will axcept of the Town Treafurers accounts as they stand Setled by the Select men

5^y to Se if the Town will axcept of Such Roads as are Laid out by the Select men or their order

6^y to make provison for mr^s Harts Suport the year Insuing

Here off fale not and make Return of this warrant unto Some won of us the Subscribors at or before The Day above mentned Given under our hands and Seale this 12 Day of Februery and in the thirteenth year of his majests Reign A D 1773

Tho ^s Cowdin	}	Select men for Fitchburgh
Amos Kimball		

[83] Worcest^r fs

In obedience to this warrant I have warnd all the free holders & other Inhabitents qualifyd by Law to Vote in Town meetings to assemble and meet at y^e meeting house f^d Town on mondy the first Day of march A D 1773

Soloman Steward Cunstable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of Fitchburgh afsembled march the 1 1773

Tho^s Cowdin Town Clerk

- 1^{ly} Chos Cap^t David Goodridge moderator
- 2^{ly} Chose Thos Cowdin amos Kimball David Good-
ridge Ebenezer Woods & Ebenezer Bridge . . . Select men
- 3^{ly} Chose Tho^s Cowdin Town Clerk . . . Town Clerk
- 4^{ly} Chose Thos Cowdin Town Treafurer . . . Town
Treafurer
- 5^{ly} Chose Jofeph Low Constable Constabl
- 6^{ly} The Town axcepted of Afe Perrey in Jofeph Lows
Rume as a hierd man in f^l Jofeph Lows Rume to serve as
Cunstable Cunstable
- 7^{ly} Chose Elijah Carter & William Thurlo . Wardens
- 8^{ly} Chose John Thurston & Phinchas Sawyer J^{ur}
Tyethen men
- 9^{ly} Chose Elijah Gafield John Thurston Jonathan Wood
Silos Snow & m^r Phinchas Sawyer & Ebenezer Woods to
be Survaers of high ways and also Colectors of high way
Taxes Survars of high ways
- 10^{ly} Chose John Bufs & Ruben Smith . . . Der Reves
- 11^{ly} Chose Ruben Gibson Ju^r & Jofhua Parc . . fier
wards
- 12^{ly} Chose Elijah Gafield & Hezekiah Hodgkins . Hog
Reves
- 13^{ly} Chose Soloman Steward Survar of Clabord &
Shingels Clabords & Shingles
- 14^{ly} Chose Jonathan Wood Survaer of hups &
Staves hupes & Staves
- 15^{ly} Chose David Goodridge & Tho^s Cowdin . . fence
Vuers
- 16^{ly} Chose William Thurlo Sealer of Lether
- [84] 17^{ly} Voted & Rased Eighty pounds to be
workt out on the high ways and that fom be workt out
& Completed by the first of novembr next or the person
or prsons Delinquant in Completing his or their part in
work fhall be obliged to pay the whole or Remaining
part in money to the Coletor and that the money be
workt out in the usal maner £80 0 0
- 18^{ly} Voted that all the old furvaers that have not
Completed their Coleton in work are orderd by the Town
of fitchburgh to Se that they Complet by the Last of June
next or to Colect the money that Remains from those

persons that have not workt out their part by the fst
Last of June and pay f^d mone to the Town Treasurer

19th Chose Amos Kimball Thos Cowdin & David
Goodridge to be a Committe to Take Care of Bridges and
Se that they are Repard

20th axcepted of the Town Treasurers aCounts and
that we find Remaing in m^r Witts hands twenty Eight
pounds & two pene £28 00 2

We also find Remaing in Soloman Stewards hands
one hundred and thirty two pounds ten shilings & three
pene £132-10-3

We also find that Thos Cowdin Town Treasurer hath
paid out of his owne money over & above what he hath
Recevd of the Cunstable thirty Six pounds . . £36 0-0

21st axcepted of a Two Rod Road for to Conven oliv-
er Stickne & Joseph Gray & Ephriam marten and others

22st axcepted of a two Rod Road for to Conven
Samuel Downes & other provided Jefse french & Daniel
Farwell will Give the Land Where f^d Rod Gows through
their Land and not other ways

[85] 23st Voted that the felloers order the high way fur-
vaers to work on the Road where it Gows through m^r Jedi-
gidiah Collens Land til they Com to Leominstor Line

24st Voted and axcepted of the Road Through Samuel
Downes Land from the new Bridge to Joseph Downes
Land and the Land Given by mr Samuel Downe . . .

25st Voted to alter the Road Through Nichlos Dan-
forth Land

26st Voted to alow m^r Ifaiah Witt foure pounds ten
Shilings & Eight pene to board m^{rs} Hart wone whole year
& so in proportion in Cafe she should not Live til the year
is Expird paid £4 - 10 - 8

27st Voted that the Swine Run at Large being yokt
& Ringd acording to Law

Fitchburgh February the 27 1773

we have Laid out a 2 Rod Road begining where Joseph
Grays & Ephriam martens Corner Joyns to abraham
Willards Land Runing notherdly as the Line Runs betwixt
Joseph Grays & Ephriam martens Land the 2 Rods for the

Road taken off Ephriam martens Land then making an angle where the corner of Joseph Grays & Ephriam martens & moſes Worſtrs & oliver Sticknes Land all meets at one Stake & Stones.

* Then Runing Eaſterdly as the Line Runs betwixt Joſeph Grays Land & oliver Sticknes Land til it Coms to Land Caſed the Wido Whitcombs Land and the Whole of the two Roads for the Road taken off Joſeph Grays Land—then Runing Eaſterdly as the Line Runs be Twixt oliver Sticknes Land & the Wido Whitcombs til it Coms to Land now ownd by Tho^s Carter of Lunenburgh and the Land for the two Rods for the Road taken off oliver Sticknes Land in Caſe the hairs of the Wido Whitcomb will not give the one half for the Road then the whole of the Road to be Given by oliver Stickne — — Then Through ſ^d Carters Land til it Coms to the Town Road Laid out Through ſ^d Carters Land when ownd by Ezekel Foulcr which was Given for a Town Road by Ezekel Foulcr

Tho ^s Cowdin	{	Select men
John Thurston		for
Amos Kimball		Fitchburgh

We Each of us Give the Land

Ephraim marten
 Joſeph Gray
 oliver Stickne

[86] We the Subſcribors Select men for the Town of Fitchburgh herby appoint you Samuel Down Silos Snow & Daniel Farwell to be a Committe to Lae out a Two Rod Road from the Town Road by Daniel Farwells through ſ^d Daniel Farwells Land to Land of Jeſe Frenches ſo through ſ^d frenches Land to Land of Samuel Downes ſo through ſ^d Downes Land to Land of Joſeph Downes and make Return to the Town at or before the firſt Day of march next

Fitchburgh Decembr the 23 1772

Tho ^s Cowdin	{	Select men
Amos Kimball		for
		Fitchbrgh

* Old location road now called Sheldon Road. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

Fitchburgh Februry the 28 1773

In obedeaunce to the within order we have Laid out a two Rod Road begining at a Large Rock upon the north side of the Town Road at the End of Daniel Farwells Lane Runing northerdly Through rd farwells Land til it Coms to Land of Jefse Frenchs then Turning westerdly Through rd frenches Land to the River where the new Bridge is Latly Built then over the River Through Land of Samuel Downs til it coms to Land of Joseph Downes & markt the Trees on the South Sid of rd Road

Silos Snow	{	Committe
Daniel Farwell		
Samuel Downe		

To the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

Gentelmen where as their hath bin a Road Traveled Through my Land Leding from oliver Davises Land to Leomenstr Line which Land Lying in Fitchburgh and as the Town of Fitchburgh are Desiros that there Should be a Road Laid out through rd Land of myn I utterly Refuse to Give the Land or Consent that their Should be a Road Laid out and axcepted by the Town of Fitchburgh &c

[87] But I herby promis and Ingage that all persons having aney ocasion to Travel Through that part of my Land may pafs & Re pafs and that the Town of Fitchburgh may from Tme to Tim and at all Times Repare the Road where it is now Traveled at their own Expence when They think proper from This Time til I forbid their Traveling or Repairing rd Road as witnes my hand This Twelfth Day Februry ano Domony 1773

N B Gentelmen of the Town of Fitchburgh I meene to Give this privelige with out ane cost to rd Town of Fitchburgh

		Jedidah Collins
Teft	Thos Cowdin	{
	Amos Kimball	
		Select
		men for
		Fitchburgh

The Town oficers Chofen into Town ofice Tuck the othes Requird by Law Sworn by the Town Clerk

The meeting Defolved David Goodridge moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[88] octobr the 25 1773

(Seale) Worcestr fs To mr asa Perrey Cunstable for
the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

In His majesties name you are Requird to warne all
the free holders & other Inhabitants qualifyd by Law to
Vote in Town afares to asemble & meet at the meeting
house on monday the twenty fifth Day of this Instant
octobr at one o clock in the after noon then & their being
Duely meet & formd to act on the folowing arteles that
is first to Chuse a moderator for the Goverment of^d
meeting

2^{ly} to Rafe money to pay the Revrent m^r John Payson
his Salary for the year 1773

3^{ly} to Rafe money to provide a Scool or Scool or
Vote aney thing Refering their to as they Shall think
proper

4^{ly} to See what method the Town will take to provide
m^r Paysons Wood the year Infuing

5^{ly} to have all those persons that have Done serves for
the Town bring in their acounts and Rafe money to pay
the fame

6^{ly} to Rafe money to pay the Towns Committes for
Bulding the Bridges the year past

7^{ly} to see if the Town will axept of what the Towns
Committe hath Done in Deviding the quarters of the Town
in order for Keeping a Scool or Scool and Vote aney thing
Refering there to as they fhall think proper

Here off fale not and make Return of this warrant to
Sume one of us the the Subscribers at or be fore the Day
above mentned Given under our hands & Seals this Eighth
Day of octobr A D 1773 and in the thirteenth year of his
majests Rigne

Thos Cowdin	{	Select men for Fitchburgh
Amos Kimball		
David Goodridge		
Ebenezer Woods		

Worcester Is In obedience to the within written Warrant I have warnd all the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh to meet at Time and place within mentned

Fitchburgh octobr the 25 1773

Afa Perry Cunstable

at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh asembled octobr the 25 Day A D 1773

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1^{ly} Chose Capt David Goodridge moderator . . .

2^{ly} Voted to Rase Sixty Six pounds thirteen Shilings and for pene to to pay m^r Payson his Salorey . £66 13 - 4

3^{ly} Voted to Rafe twenty pounds for a Scool . 20 0 0

4^{ly} Voted and Chose Kindall Boutall Phinehas Sawyer and Ifaac Gibson be a Committe to provide a Scool or Scool and that the Scool money be Laid out as it was Last year

[89] 5^{ly} Voted that Infin Jonathan Wood find and provide thirty Coards of Good wood for m^r Payson for one whole year from the first Day of Decembr next and bring f^d thirty coards of wood to m^r Paysons house and that the Town pay f^d Wood for the thirty Coard of wood foure pounds £4 0 0

6^{ly} Voted to alone Decon Kimball his
a Count paid 00 10-0 p^d

7^{ly} Voted to pay Joseph Sawyer his
account pd 00 14 4 p^d

8^{ly} Voted to alone Joseph Fox his account paid 1 6 0

9^{ly} Voted to alone Eph^m Kimball his
account paid 00 18-3 pd

10^{ly} Voted to alone Ifaiah Witt his
a Count paid 00 7 4 p^d

11^{ly} Voted to alone Capt Goodridge his
a Count paid 00 3 0 p^d

12^{ly} Voted to alone Thos Cowdin his
account paid 1 17-6 pd

13^{ly} Voted to alone the Towns Com-
mitte for Bulding and mending the
Bridges paid 44 2 10

Voted to Rase ten pounds to Defra Town

Charges 10 0 0

14^{ly} Voted to aloue James Gray his

acount paid 00 2 5 pd

15^{ly} Voted not ot axepte of the Towns Commites
Report in quartring the Scols

Voted The meeting Disolvd

David Goodridg moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Decembr the 1 1773

(Seal) Worcester fs To mr afa Perry Cunstable for the
of Fitchburgh Greeting

In his majestys name you are hereby Required to Warne
all the Inhabitance of the Town of Fitchburgh qualli-
fyed by Law to Vote in Town afares to assemble and meet
at the meeting house on Wensday the first Day of Decem-
ber next at one O Clock in the after noon then and their
being Duely meet and formd to to act on the folowing
articles

1^{ly} to Chuefe a moderator for the Goverment of said
meeting

2^{ly} Rase mony to Defray the Town Charges to be
afsesed the present year

3^{ly} to See Whether the Town will Take aney notis of
the Letrs Sent to the Town of fitchburgh by the Town
Clerk of Bofton or vote aney thing Refering there to as
they Shall think proper

Here of fale not and make Return of this warrant to
Sum one of us at or before the Day above mentned Given
under our hand and Seale this fifteenth Day of novembr
and in the fourteenth year of his majestys Reign A D 1773

Thos Cowdin	}	Select men for Fitchburgh
Amos Kimball		
Eben ^t Woods		
Eben ^t Bridge		

[90] Worcester fs In obediance to the within written
warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town of
Fitchburgh to meet at time and place within mentioned

Fitchburgh Decembr the 1 1773 Afa Perry Cunstable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh afsembled Decembr the 1 1773

Tho^s Cowdin Town Clerk

1^{ly} Chofe Ifaac Gibson moderator . . .

2^{ly} Raifed Sixty fouer pounds to Defray the Town Charges £64 1 8

3^{ly} Voted to act on the Letters or Requests of the Town of Bofton Sent to the Town of Fitchburgh . . .

4^{ly} Chofe Ifaac Gibson Cap^t Ruben Gibson Phinehas Hartwell Ebenezer Woods Kindall Boutall Ebenezer Bridg Soloman Steward to be a Committe to Draw up and Report to the Town of Fitchburgh a Draft of our Rights & privlgs as free members of Sofiety: In order to make Return to the Town of Bofton or to the Committe of Correlponde at Bofton

5^{ly} Votted that this meeting be a Jurned to the fifteenth Day of this Instant Decembr at one O Clock in the after noon

6^{ly} Decembr the 15 1773 the Town being meet by an a Jurnment

the Report being Red and axcepted by the Town Voted that the Report be Recorded in the Town Book of Records

7^{ly} Votted that y^e Report concerning Late Troble at Bofton ocasioned by the Late teas being brot fubject to a Duty payd in this Colony and Landed be Returnd to the Committe of Coryspond at Boston

8^{ly} Votted that the Town Clerk Give an attested copy to the f^l Committe to be Communicated to the Committe for the Town of Bofton Decembr the 15 1773

Ifaac Gibson moderator

Tho^s Cowdin Town Clerk

At a Legal Town meeting in Fitchburgh on the first Day of Decembr 1773 In order to Take into Confideration the letters of Corraspondency from the Town of Bofton: the Town made Choice of m^r Ifaac Gibson as moderator for the Goverment of f^l meeting . . Then f^l Letors ware Red before the Town: & after the Town had Dilibrated there on with Zeal and candor unauasmy agreed to Chues a Committe of Seven men & Chose m^r Ifaac Gibson Cap^t Ruben Gibson mefsceurs Phinehas Hartwell Ebenezer

by Adjournment from the first Instant the Committee reported as followeth
 Having with great Satisfaction perused the circular Letters from the Committee
 of Correspondence for the Town of Boston wherein are so clearly set forth our
 Rights & Priviledges as English-men & Christians and also a List of the many
 Infringements that have been made Thereon which Letters of Correspondence
 we highly approve of & unanimously consent unto and resolved to stand fast in the Liberty
 and Rights where with our Gracious Sovereign Kings have made us free by an undeni-
 able Charter & Decree from them their Heirs & Successors for ever - And we are
 fully persuaded that Liberty is a most precious Gift of God our Creator to all
 Mankind and is of such a Nature, that no Person or Community can Justly part
 with it, and consequently no Man or Number of Men can have a Right to exercise
 Despotism or Tyranny over their Fellow Creatures, and to save us from such extreme
 Wickedness we believe the Vigilance & combined Endeavour of this People are necessary,
 and we hope through the favour of divine Providence will be Effectual; And we think
 it our indispensable Duty as Men, English-men and Christians to make the most
 publick Declaration in our Power on the side of Liberty we have inclind our Ambition
 to be known to the World and to posterity as Friends to Liberty, And we ~~think~~
~~our Duty in this Occasion in behalf of ourselves and our dear Country to~~
 express our unfeigned Gratitude to the Respectable Gentlemen of the Town of
 Boston for the Light & Counsel that they have presented to us in their
 Circular Letters & their many generous Efforts in the Defence of our
 Priviledges; in the Cause of Liberty & in our earnest Prayers to Almighty
 God that they may be animated still to proceed, & prosper in such a
 Noble & Generous Design; & finally may they receive the most ample &
 durable Reward - And that these Resolves be recorded in our Town
 Book of Records, & that the Town Clerk Give an attested Copy to the
 Committee to be communicated to the Committee of Correspondence for the Town of
 Boston

And with Respect to the East India Tea - From as much as we are
 now informed that the Town of Boston & the Neighbouring Towns have made
 such Noble Opposition to a Tea being brought into Boston Subject to a
 Duty so directly tending to the Enslaving of America It is our Opinion
 that your Opposition is Just & equitable and the people of this Town are
 ready to afford all Assistance in their power to keep off all such Infringements

~~Am. Comm.~~ } Town
 Clerk

desire to use all proper Means in our contracted Sphere to promote it And we
 are necessitated to view the Enemies of Liberty, as Enemies of our Lawfull
 Sovereign King George & his Illustrious Family, because Tyranny & Slavery
 are fundamentally repugnant to the British Constitution; But in declaring
 our present Thoughts & Resolutions, we are moved by a principle of Humanity
 & Benevolence to the people of Brittain, whose Happiness is so involved with
 ours, that the Oppressions and Depredations inlaid on us by tyrannical
 Governemts must be essentially detrimental to Them we therefore

Woods Ebenezer Bridge Kindall Boutall Solomon Steward as a Committe to confider of our Constitutinal Rights and privilegas in common with other Towns in this provance to gether with the maney flagrant Infringements that have been made thereon and to report at the Adjournment and then the Meeting was adjornd to the fifteenth Instant . . . At a legol Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh on Wednesday the fifteenth of Decembr 1773 [91] by Adjournment from the first Instant the Committee reported as followeth—

Having with Great Satisfaction perused the circular Letters from the Committee of Correspondence for the Town of Boston wherein are so clearly held forth our Rights & Privilidgs as English-men & Christians and also a List of the many Infringements that have been made Thereon which Letters of Correspondence we highly appove of & unanimously consent unto and resolvd to stand fast in the Liberty and Rights where with our Gracious Sovereign Kings have made us free by an undeniable Charter & Decree from them their Heirs & Succesors for ever— And we are fully perswaded that Liberty is a most preasous Gift of God our Creator to all Mankind and is of such a Nature, that no Person or Community can Justly part with it, and consequently no Man or Number of Men can have a Right to exercise Despotism or Tyranny over their Fellow Creatures; and to save us from such extreme Wretchedness we believe the Vigilance & combin,d Endeavors of this People are necessary and we hope through the favor of divine Providence will be Effectual; And we think it our indispensable Duty as Men, Englishmen and Christians to make the most publick Declaration in our Power on the Side of Liberty we have indeed an Ambition to be known to the World and to Posterity as Friends to Liberty, And we

*[Think it our Duty on this Occasion in Behalf of Ourselves and our dear Country to exprefs our unfeigned

*a mistake from this mark [A marginal note, referring to the matter enclosed in brackets.—W. A. D.]

Gratitude to the Respectable Gentlemen of the Town of Boston for the Light & Counsel that they have presented to us in their Circular Letters & their many generous Efforts in the Defence of our Priviledges, & in the Cause of Liberty & in our earnest Prayers to Almighty God that they may be animated Still to proceed, & prosper in such a Noble & Generous Design, & finally may they receive the moste Ample & durable Reward . . . And that these Refolves be recorded in our Town Book of Records, & that the Town Clerk Give an attested Copy to the 1st Committee to be communicated to the Committee of Correspondence for the Town of Boston . . .

And with Respect to the East India Tea—For as much as we are now inform,d that the Town of Boston & the Neighboureng Towns have made such Noble Opposition to 1st Tea being brought into Boston Subject to a Duty so derectly tending to the Enslaving of America It is our Opinion that your Opposition is Just & equitable and the people of this Town are ready to afford all Assistance in their power to keep off all such Infringement]

desire to use all proper Means in our Contracted Sphere to promote it and we are neecessitated to veine the Enemias of Liberty, as Enemias of our lawfull Sovreign King George & his Illewstrious Family, beause Tyranny & Slavery are fundementally repugnant to the Britefh Constitution; But in declaring our present Thoughts & Refolutions, we are mov,d by a principle of Humanity & Benevolence to the people of Brittain, whose Happinefs is so involved with ours, that the Oppressors and Depredations indued on us by tyrannical Governments must be essentially detrementol to Them we therfor [92] earnestly supplicate the Deity to preserve them from political Lethargy & so from the most shamfull & miserable Bondage and we are fond of having our little obscure Names afsociated with our American Brethren as Instreuments in the hand of God, to save Brittain from that compleat Distruction which is now meditating, and is visibly impending; we wifh therefore our Country men to Join with us in praying for a Spirit of Reformation, on the Inhabitants both of England & America because Reightcousnefs is the

Exaltation and Glory of any Society—And we humbly hope that our being so late in giving our Sentiments upon Affairs so deeply interesting to the American Colonies in general, and to this Provience in particular, will not be imputed to our being unaffected with the alarming & unconstetutonal Ineroachments that have been made upon our civil Rights & Priviliges; for we asure you, we will not be wanting at all Times according to our Small Abelity in procuring & promoting all lawfull & constitutional Measures, proper for the Continuance of all our Rights & Priveledges both civil & religious; And we think it our Duty on this Occasion in Behalf of Our selves, and our dear Cuntry to exprefs our unfeigned Gratitude to the Respectable Gentlemen of the Town of Boston for the Light & Counsel that they have presented to us in their Cercular Letters & their many Generous Efforts in the Defence of our Priveledges & in the Cause of Liberty & in our earnest Prayers to Almighty God that they may be animated still to proceed, & prosper in such a Noble & Generous Design, & finally may they recive the most Ample & Durable Reward—And that these Resolves b recorded in our Town Book of Records, & that the Town Clerk Give an attested Copy to the rd Committee to be communicated to the Committee of Correspondence for the Town of Boston

And with Respect to the East Indy Tea For as much as we are now informd that the Town of Boston & the Neighbouring Towns have made Such Noble Opposition to rd Teas being brought into Boston Subject to a Duty so drectly tending to the Enslaving of America It is our Opinion that your Opposition is Just & equitable and the People of this Town are ready to afford all the Assistance in their power to Keep off all such Infringements

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[93] March the 1 1774

(Seale) Worcester fs To mr Afa Perry cunstable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

In his majesties name you are Requird to warne all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifd by Law to Vote in Town afares to assemble

and meet at the meeting house on monday the Seventh Day of march next at nine O Clock in the foure noon then and their being Duely met and formd to act on the folowing articles

1^{ly} to chues a moderator for Goverment of f^d meeting
2^{ly} Chuese Select men and other Town oficers for the year Insuing

3^{ly} to Raise money to mend the Roads & bridges the year Insuing and Vote aney thing Referring there to as they fshall think proper

4^{ly} to See if the Town will axcept of Such Roads as fshall be Laid out by the Select men or their order . . .

5^{ly} to See if the Town will Discontinue the Road Laid from mr Nehemiah fullers to the old Road by mr afa Perrys house

6^{ly} to See if the Town will abate fuch Rates as fshall be Laid before the Town

7^{ly} to Raife money to fuport m^{rs} Hart or Vote aney thing Refering there to as they fshall think proper . . .

8^{ly} to Se if the Town will axcept of the Town Treafurers accounts as they Stand Setled by the Select men . .

Here of fale not and make Return of this warrant to Summe one of us at or before the Day above mentned Given under our hands & Seale this twenty first Day of February and in the fourteenth yeare of our Sovrin King George the third A D 1774

Thos Cowdin	}	Select men for Fitchburgh
David Goodridge		
Amos Kimball		
Ebenezer Woods		
Ebenezer Bridge)	

Worcestr is In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town by Poasting a warning up at the meeting hous Door

Fitchburgh march the 4 1774 Afa Perry Cunstable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh asembled march the 7 1774

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

- [94] firstly Chose Decon amos Kimball moderator . . .
 2^{ly} Voted to Chues five Select men . . .
 3^{ly} Chose Ifaac Gibson & Ebenezer Woods & Phinehas
 Hartwel and James Poole and Joseph Walker Select men
 4^{ly} Chose Thos Cowdin Town Clerk . . . Town Clerk
 5^{ly} Chose Thos Cowdin Town Treafurer . . . Town
 Treafurer
 6^{ly} Chose Kindall Boutall for the fouth fide of the
 Town and
 7^{ly} Ebenezer Bridge for the north fide Cunstable . Cun-
 stable
 8^{ly} Chose Elijah Gafield & Solomon Steward . Wardens
 9^{ly} Chose Daniel Farwell and maximilion Jewitt . Tythen
 men
 10^{ly} Chose John Buſ Zacriah Whitney Samuel Parce
 & Kindall Boutall & Ruben Smith and Jonathan Page &
 Jonathan Hunt Survaers of high ways and that the high
 way Taxes be workt out in the uesal maner and that the
 Survaers be Colectors to Colect the taxes . . . Survaers
 of high ways
 11^{ly} Chose Nichlos Danforth and Jofhua Parce to be
 Deere Reves
 12^{ly} Chose John Buſ and Ebenezer Thurſten to be . fier
 wards
 13^{ly} Chose David Parce & Ruben Gibson Ju^r and John
 Carter and Jonathan Cummins and Jonathan Holt . Hog
 Reves
 14^{ly} Chose Soloman Steward to be Survaer of Shingels
 & Clabords Shingels & Clabords
 15^{ly} Chose Jonathan Wood Survaer of hops and
 Staves Suvar of hoops & Staves
 16^{ly} Chose Capt David Goodridge & Thos Cowdin fens
 Vuers fens Vuers
 17^{ly} Chose William Thurlo Sealer of Lether . Sealer
 of Lether
 [95] 18^{ly} Raifed Eighty Pounds to mend the high
 ways & that ſum be work out in the ſame maner as Laſt
 year £80 0 0
 19^{ly} Chose Jonathan Wood and Joseph Walker & Decon
 Amos Kimball to be a Committe to take Care of the

Bridges the year Insuing and to Repair or buield as they Judge most for the Intrest of the Town . . .

20^{ly} axepted of a bridel Road begining at Thos Cowdins house through f^d Cowdins Land til it Coms to the Gate then through m^r Joseph Lows Land til it Coms to m^r Lows house then turns and Runs through f^d Land by his barn til it Coms to Land of Thos Cowdins that f^d Cowdin bought of Coloⁿ William Brown of Salom and the the privlige of a bridel Road Given by f^d Low and f^d Cowdin with out aney charge to the Town . . .

21^{ly} axepted of a 2 Road Road begining at John Carters Land Runing from f^d Carters Land through mr Ezra Uptons Land til it Coms to the County Road and axepted of the Road upon the Towns Cost provided that m^r Ezra Upton will not Give the Land for f^d Road and markt the trees on the fouth side of f^d Road

22^{ly} axepted of a 2 Road Road begining at the Line betyen Phnihas Browns Land and Nathan Badcocks Land Runing through f^d Badcocks Land til it Coms to the Corner of Jonathan Pages Land where m^r Andrew olivers Land Joyns to f^d Jonathen Pages Land one Rod on m^r olivers Land & one Rod on Jonathan Pages Land til it Coms to the Corner be twixt Jonathan Page and abraham farwell Land and markt the trees on the fouth side of f^d Road and axepted of f^d Road if the Land is Given by the owners of the Land

Thos Cowdin	}	Select men for Fitchburgh
Amos Kimball		
David Goodridge		
Ebenezer Woods		
Ebenezer Bridge		

[96] 23^{ly} Voted not to Discontinue the Road Leding from m^r Nehemiah Fullers by mr afa Perys house

24^{ly} Voted to abated francis Fullams funs Pole Tax in m^r Ifaac Gibsons List for the year 1767 being one pound two shilings and nine pene pd 1 2 9

25^{ly} abated Jacob Gibsons Rats in mr afa Perrys List which is Eighteen shilings & six pene pd 0 18 6

26^{ly} Voted to allow maximilion Jewett five pounds foure shilings for boarding m^{rs} Hart one whole year and so in proporton in Cafe fhe should not Live one whole year £5-4-0 p^d

Lunenburg may the 17th Dr John Taylor Sir as you (chose by the Town of Lunenburg & Fitchburg to Represent them in the Great & General Court for the present year. we think it our Duty under the present alarming circumstances of publick affairs to give the following Instructions) - for that you bare due Testimony against all riotous practices and all other unconstitutional proceedings and that you do not by any means whatsoever either directly or indirectly give up any of our Charter rights & privileges and that you use your Endeavour that those that we have sent abroad of may be reflect'd to us & that you use your Influence that provision be made for the discountenancing of all unwarantable practices with Respect to bribery in those that set them selves up as Candidates for Representatives for the people either by the way of Treach or Contentment which may have bin too frequent a practice in many places & further we would have you move in the General assembly that there might be a Congress and union with all the provinces & in case any thing Extraordinary should happen or appear that you should immediately notify your Constituents: there are many things of Importtance that we must Leave discretionary with your self Trusting that you will often Revolve in your mind how great a Trust is Deceiv'd upon you & that you give Constant attendance so far as you are able to the business to which you are appointed & we hope private Fear and sinister Ends that the above be Read in the Records of the Towns of Lunenburg & Fitchburg

William Stearns

George Kimball

Isaac Gibson

Phineas Harwell

John Fuller

(Committee)

Thos (Edm) Jones Clerk

27th Voted and axepted of Phinehas Sawyer Jur to
serve Cunstable in Kindall Boutalls and Ebenezer Bridges
Rume or ftead

28th Voted and axepted of the Town Treafurers a
Counts as they ftand fetled by the Select men &c

Fitchburgh February the 21 1774 Then Recnd with
Thos Cowdin Town Treafurer and we find Due in mr
Soloman Stewards hands forty three pounds three fhil-
ings & ten penc one farthen £43 : 3 : 10 : 1

we also find in mr afa Perrys hands . 155 : 4 - 0

we also find that Thos Cowdin Town Treafurer hath
paid over and a bove what he hath Recv^d of the Cunsta-
bles 5 18 8 3

The meeting Disolved

Amos Kimball moderator

and the Town oficers tuck the oaths Requird by Law

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[97] Lunenburg may the 20 1774 Dr John Taylor
Sir as you Chosen by the Town of Lunenburg & Fitch-
burgh to Represent them in the Grat & General Court
for the prefent year—we think it our Duty under the
prefent alarming Circumstances of publick affairs to Give
the following Instructions) -- Viz that you bare Due
Testimony against all Riotous pratices and all other
unconftitutional proceedings and that you do not by
aney means whatfoever either directly or indirectly Give
up aney of our Charter rights & priveliges and that you
ufe your Endeavors that those that we have been abridged
of may be reftored to us & that you use your Influence
that provision be made for the discountenancing all un-
warrantable practices with Respect to bribery in thofe
that Set them Selves up as Candidates for Representa-
tives for the people either by the way of Treats or Enter-
tainments which may have bin too frequent a practice in
many places & further we would have you move in the
General affembly that there might be a Congrefs and
union with all the provinces & in cafe aney thing Ex-
traordinary fhould happen or appear that you fhould
immediately notify your Conftituants; there are maney

things of Lesser Importance that we must Leave Discretionary with your Self Trusting that you will Often Revolve in your mind how Grate a Trust is Devolved upon you & that you Give Constante attendance So fare as you are able to the business to which you are appointed & we hope that you will be actuated by a Spirit of Impartiality free from privat Views and Sinister Endes—and that the above be Recorded in the Records of the Towns of Lunenburgh & Fitchburgh

William Stearns	}	Committe
George Kimball		
Ifaac Gibson		
Phinehas Hartwell		
John Fuller		

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[98] october the 4 1774

(Seale) Worcester Is To Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r Cunstable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . .

In his majestis name you are Requird to warne all the free holders & other Inhabitance of the town of Fitchburgh qualified by Law to vote in town meetings to Asemble and meet at the meeting House in Fitchburgh on Tuesday the fourth Day of october next att nine o clock in the foer noon then and their being Duly meet and formd to act on the following articles

1^{ly} to Chuse a moderator to govern f^d meeting . . .

2^{ly} to vote mr Paysons Salery

3^{ly} to Raife money to provide Schooling . . .

4^{ly} to See what meathod the Town will provide wood for mr Payson

5^{ly} to see if the Town will allow the Committees acoumpts for building the new Bridge

6^{ly} to Raife money for building s^d Bridg and other neseary Charges

7^{ly} to See if the Town will acsept the Report of the Committe Chosen to Recon with the Town Treasurer . .

8^{ly} to See if the Town will Chuse a committe to Provide Schooling or act anything Refering their to . . .

9^{ly} to See if the Town will acsept of aney accounts for Servies Doun for f^d Town

10^{ly} to See if Towne will Chuse a Committe to attende the Provenfhall Convention at Concord on the 2 Tufday in october

Here of faile not & make Due Return of your Doings here on to fmm one of us on or before the above Day Given under our hands and Seals this fourteenth Day of Septembr A D 1774 and in the 14 year of his majestis Regn

11^{ly} Notice is herby Given to the Company in This Town to afsemble and meet at the meeting house in Fitchburgh on Tuesday the 4 Day of octobr next at one o clock in the after noon to Chufe officers for f^d Town & Company of Traning Solders

Joseph Walker	}	Select men for Fitchburgh
James Pool		
Ifaac Gibson		
Phinehas Hartwell		
Ebene ^r Woods		

[99] Worcefter fs octobr the 4 1774

by vertiue of this warrant I have warned all the Free holders & other Inhabitance of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifid by Law to vote in Town meetings, to meet at the time and place as is within pur fixt . . .

Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r Cunstable

at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of Fitchburgh afsembled october the 4 A D 1774

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1^{ly} Voted and Chofe Capt David Goodridge moderator

2^{ly} voted to Rase fixty fix pounds thirteen fhilings and foure penc to pay mr John Payson his Salory the year past £66 13 4

3^{ly} voted to Rase twenty pounds to provide a Scool, and to ad what Scool money Remains yet not Laid out that was Raised the Last year to the twenty pounds now Raised to be Laid out in providing a Scool or Scools 20 0 0

4^{ly} voted & Chose Cap^t David Goodridge & Cap^t Ruben Gibson Ebenezer Woods & Joseph Polley & Decon Amos Kimball to be a Committe to provide a Scool marfter or marfters

5^{ly} voted that the Scool money be Laid out as it was Last year

6^{ly} voted that Roger Biglo find & provide thirty Coards of Good wood for the Revrant mr John Payson won whole year begining at the first Day of December next. the wood is to be Corded up at mr Paysons house a Cording to Law and that the Town pay Roger Bigelo for f^d wood £4: 14: 8:

7^{ly} voted and axcepted of the Towns Committes accounts for Building the Bridg Caled Cap^t Goodridges Bridg which is fourty pounds 17 fhilings . £40 17 0 paid

8^{ly} Raised fourty pounds 17/ to pay for Building the bridge

9^{ly} voted and axcepted of the Town Treasurers a Counts as they Stand Setled by the Towns Committe, that is we find Due in mr Soloman Stewards hands . . . £33 2 5

we also find Due in m^r Afe Perres hands . . . 94 5 8

10^{ly} voted and axcepted of Cap^t David Goodridgs a Count which is 00 3 0 p^d

11^{ly} voted and axcepted of Thos Cowdins a Count which is 1 5 0 p^d

12^{ly} voted and alowd Kindall Boutall his a Count which is 1 10 0 p^d

13^{ly} voted and alowed Ebenezer Woods his a Counts which is 1 10 0 p^d

14^{ly} voted and alowed Ifaac Gibson his account for taking care of Edward Scoot which is 2 8 0 p^d

[100] 15^{ly} voted to Chuefe a Committe to attend the proventall Congrafs at Concord the 2 tuesday of october Instant

16^{ly} voted and Chose Cap^t David Goodridge to Joyn the Congrafs at Concord

17^{ly} voted thatt all the quarters of the Town that Dont See that their part of the Scool money that is not Scooled out within the year be Returnd in to the Towns Stoke

18^{ly} voted to pay the Select men for providing the Town with powder & Led & flints their account which is £14 4 0

19^{ly} voted & Rase five pounds to Defray Town Charges 5 0 0

20^{ly} Total Sum voted and Raised by the Town is £158 5 0

The meeting Desolved David Goodridge moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcefter fs To mr Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r Cunst-
able for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

In His majestyes name you are Required to warn all the free holders and other Inhabitance of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifed by Law to vote in town affairs to assemble & meet at the meeting house on Tuedday the twelfth Day of July next at two of the Clock in the after noon then and their being Duly meet and formd to act on the following articales

1^{ly} to Chuse a modirator for Goverment of f^d meeting

2^{ly} to See if the Town will Raife the money that was not Leaguallly assest on the Inhabitants of f^d Town in the year one thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy three or vote or act aney thing Refering there to as they Shall think proper

3^{ly} to See if the town will Chuse a committy to Recon with the Town Treasurer & make a Return at the fall meeting

4^{ly} to See if the town will take into Consideration the Late papers Sent to this Town Relating to our publick affairs and Distrest Circumstances in this provance & to act aney thing Relating there to as they shall think proper

Here of fale not and make Return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the Day a bove mentned Given under our hands and Seal this twenty fourth Day of June and in the fourteenth year of his majests Reign King George the third A D 1774

Isaac Gibson	}	Select men for
Joseph Walker		
James Pool	}	Fitchburgh
Phinehas Hartwell		

[101] Worcester fs July the 12 1774

By Vertue of this warrant I have warned all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifyd by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the time and place as is within perfixt

Phinehas Sawyer Jur^r Cunstable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitanee of the Town of Fitchburgh asssembled July the 12 1774

1^{ly} Chose mr Isaac Gibson moderator

2^{ly} Voted and passed over the 2 artcle Til the ajurnment

3^{ly} Voted to Chuese a Committe to Settle with the Town Treasurer

4^{ly} Chose Capt^t David Goodridge & Ebenezer Woods & Ebenezer Bridg be a Committe to Recne with the Town Treasurer and make Report at the falle meeting

5^{ly} Voted to Rafe the money to Suporte the Congras be Colected by a Contrebuton, and if their be aney over and above, the money that is the over plush shall be Laid out provide a Towns Stoke of powder

6^{ly} Voted and ajurnd the Town meeting til the ninth Day of august next at 2 o clock in the after noon

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

August the 9 1774 meet on the Day to which the meeting was a Jurnd and the meeting opned

1^{ly} Voted to Signe the Covenant

2^{ly} Voted to ajurn the Town meeting til the 26 Day of September next at 2 o clock in the after noon

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

September the 26 1774 then the Town meet on the Day to which the meeting was a Jurnd and the meeting opned

1^{ly} Voted to ajurn the Town meeting til the first Tuesday of october next at Eleven o clock in the fouer noon

Thos Cowdin Tow Clerk

[102] October the 4 1774 the Town meeting opned on the Day to which it was ajurnd to . . .

1^{ly} Voted and ajurnd for one ouer &c . . .

2^{ly} Voted and acepted of Ebenezer Woods as Capten
and Ebenezer Bridge first Liut
Liufтанent

and Joseph Fox 2 Liftanent

and Kindall Boutall Insign

3^{ly} Voted and ajurnd the Town meeting til the first
Tuesfday of November next at three o Clock in the after
noon

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Novemбр the 1 1774 then the Town meeting opend by the moderator and the Town Clerk only those persons present and Continud the Town meeting til the 22 Day of this Instant November at three o Clock in the after noon

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Novemбр the 22 1774 the Town meeting not opend becuse now perfon belonging to the Town apeard upon the Day to which the meeting was Continued

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Fitchburg March the 29th 1770

we the subscribers Selectmen of the town of fitchburg Having Confidred the Eftate and Prefent Circumftances of m^r David Goodell & his family & alfo the Eftate of m^r David Goodell Ju^r and his family and upon Delibret Con- fideration think it proper & Prudent for the intereft of the town not to admitt either of the above famileys as town Inhabitance & we the subscribers Absolutely Refufe to admitt them or Either of them as Inhabitance witnefs our hands

Thomas Cowden	} Selectmen for fitchburg
David Goodridge	
John White	

Entred on the Town Book By order of the select men of fitchburgh Collected from other writings of ufe a mongst the town papers

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[103] November the 17 1774

Worcester fs to Phinehas Sawyer Jur Cunstable for the
Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

In his majastes name you are herby required to warne
all the free holders and other Inhabitents of your Town
quallified by Law to vote in Town affairs to assemble and
meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Thursday the
Seventeenth Day of this Instant November at twelve o
clock

1^{ly} to chuese a moderator to Govern f^d meeting . .

2^{ly} to take in to Consideration one of the provenfiial
Congrefs resolves in order to inlist one quarter parte of
the Traning Soldirs at Least to be at a minits warning
and to See what Incoregment the town will Give their
minnet men that shall Inlist after they are called upon
aney amergancy or act aney thing refering there to as
they shall think proper

3^{ly} to See what method the Town will come into
with regard to Edward Scott or act aney thing refering
there to

4^{ly} to See what Instructions the town will give the
Cunstables of this town with regard to paying in the
province Rate or act aney thing refering there to . . .

Here of fale not to make Return of this warrant to
fum one of us at or before the Day above mentned Given
under our hands & Seale this 7 Day of November A D
1774 & in the fifteenth yeare of his majests Reign . . .

Joseph Walker	} Select men for Fitchburgh
Isaac Gibson	
Ebenezer Woods	

Worcester fs November the 17 1774

By vertue of this warrant I have warn^d all the free
holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh
to meet at the time & place as is within perfixt

Phinehas Sawyer Jur Cunstable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitane of the Town
of Fitchburgh assembled November the 17 1774

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1^{ly} Voted & Chose Cap^t David Goodridge moderator
2^{ly} voted to Raife minett men
3^{ly} voted to Inlist forty men Including officers . . .
4^{ly} voted to Chuese three men to be a Committe to
take Care of Edward Scott . . .

5^{ly} voted & Chose Ebenezer Bridge & phinehas Hart-
well & Ifaac Gibson be a Committe to take Care of Ed-
ward Scott if need be

6^{ly} voted to Indemnify the Sevrall Cunstabables that
have aney provanc moneys in their hands from aney Coft
or Charges that may arise by meanse of their not paying
the provanc moneys to Harrison Gray Esq

[104] 7^{ly} voted that the Severall Cunstables pay the
provanc moneys acording to the provenshall Congrafs
orders

The Town meeting Difolvd

David Goodridge moderator
Tho^s Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester fs: to Phinahas Sawyer Jun^r Con-
stable for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting . . .

In his Majesties Name you are hereby Required to
warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the
Town of Fitchburg Quallified by law to vote in Town
meetings to assemble and meet at the meeting house in
Fitchburg on tusday the tenth day of Jenuery next at ten
O Clock in the fournoon then and their being duly meet
and formed to act on the following articles . . .

1^{ly} to chuse a moderator to Govern said Meeting

2^{ly} to see if the town will chuse one man or more to
attend the Provential Congress at Cambridge on the first
day of February next or vote any thing refering their too

3^{ly} to see if the town will Chuse a committee of In-
spction according to the Continental and provinfials Con-
gresses Resolves or act any thing refering their too as
think proper

4^{ly} to see if the town will Indemnify the Afsefsors for
not returning a Surteficut of the money afsefst and the
Constables name to the Province treafury as Ufeal or act
any thing refering their too

5^{ly} to see if the town will take into their Consideration sum method that all the town may Covenant together agreeable to the Resolves of the Continental Congress or vote any thing refering their too as they shall think proper

6^{ly} to see if the Town will Except of the Officcers and Soldiers in the minute Company that shall sign a covenant agreeable to the Continental Congress or shuch a Covenant as the Town shall think proper when meet and to give those offerces and soldiers such Instructions as they shall think proper that shall sign said Covenant or vote any thing refering their too a they shall think proper

7^{ly} to see if the Town will take into Consideration the State of the Standing Company in this Town in respect to filling up with offercers or act any thing refering their too as they shall think proper

8^{ly} to see if the town will take into Consideration the Suffering Circumstances of the Poor people of Boston & in what method as they shall think proper

[105] Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrent and your doings here on to sum one of us on or before the above said day given under our Hands and seal this twenty third day of December and in the fifteenth year of his Majefties Reign Anno domini 1774

Joseph Walker	}	Select
James Poole		men
Eben ^r Woods		for
Phinahas Hartwell		Fitchburg

Worcester Is January 10th 1775

by virtue of this warrant I have warned all the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place as is within perfixt

Phinahas Sawyer Ju^r Constable

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitents of the town of Fitchburg assembled Januery 10th 1775

Tho^s Cowdin Town Clerk

1^{ly} Chose M^r Isaac Gibson moderator

2^{ly} Voted to chuse a Deligate to attend the provential Congress at Cambride the first day of February next

3^{ly} Voted & chose Cap^t Goodridge to attend the provincial Congress at Cambridge

4^{ly} voted to chuse a committee of Inspection

5^{ly} voted to chuse as a Committee

6^{ly} voted & chose Mr Walker Cap^t Goodridge Cap^t Gibson Deacon Thurstin and Cap^t Woods Solomon Steward & Joseph Polley

7^{ly} voted to Indemnify the assessors for not Returning the Constables name to the Province Treasurery as usual

8^{ly} voted and Excepted of the Covenant bareing date the tenth day of January 1775

9^{ly} voted and Excepted of the offercers & soldiers that have signed the Covenant or those that shall sign here after if offered

10^{ly} voted to chuse a committy to veiw the minute Compenys arms

11^{ly} voted that Cap^t Goodridge & Mr Joseph Walker and Ensign Jon^a Wood be a Committee to veiw the minute Compeny

12^{ly} voted that Cap^t Woods fills up his Compeny as he and his Compeny shall think proper with Offercers . . .

13^{ly} voted that Joseph Fox be a Committee man to Receive any article that the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg may think proper to Contrabute towards the relief of the Poor of Boston

[106] 14^{ly} voted to adjorn this meeting till the march meeting

Tho^s Cowdin Town Clerk

for the remainder of the proseedings of the town upon the adjornment see page 108

(Seal) Worcester fs to Phinahas Sawyer Jun^r Constable for the town of Fitchburg Greeting

In His majesties name you are Required to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg Quallified by law to vote in town meetings to affemble and meet at the meeting house on munday the sixth Day march next at nine O Clock in the fore noon then & their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles

1^{ly} to chuse a moderator to govern said meeting . . .

2^{ly} to chuse Town officers for the year ensuing for said town as the Law Directs

3^{ly} to see if the town will Except of town Roads Laid out by the Select men or their order or vote any thing refering their too as they shall think proper . . .

4^{ly} to se what method the town will provide for Mifs Hearts maintanence the year ensuing or vote any thing Refering their too as they shall think proper . . .

5^{ly} to see if the town will vote the Swine to run at Large this preafent year under the Regulation of the Law or vote any thing Refering there too as they think proper

6^{ly} to Chuse a County treasury for the year Enfuing as the Law directs as recommended by the County Convention

Here of fail not and make due return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the above mentioned day Given under our hands and Seal this Seventh day of February and In the fifteenth year of his Majesties Reign A D 1775

Isaac Gibson	} Select men for Fitchburg
Joseph Walker	
Phinehas Hartwell	

Worcester fs March y^e 6th 1775—

by Virtue of this warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town to meet at the time and place as is within sett forth

Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r Conftable

At a leagal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asembled March 6th 1775

1^{ly} Chose M^r Isaac Gibson Moderator

2^{ly} Chose Isaac Gibson first Select man

3^{ly} Chose Cap^t Ebn^r Woods second Select man

4^{ly} Chose Phinahas Hartwell third Select man

[107] 5^{ly} Chose Joseph Walker forth Select man

6^{ly} Chose Kendol Boughtwell fifth Select man

7^{ly} Chose Joseph Fox Town Clark

8^{ly} Chose Jonathan Wood Town treasury

9^{ly} Chose Silas Snow Conftable for the South side of the town of Fitchburg

10^{ly} Chose Cap^t Ruben Gibson Conftable for the North side

11^{ly} Chose Samuel Peirce & Deacon Thurstins wardens

12^{ly} Chose James Poole & Benjamin Jaquith Tyethenmen

13^{ly} Chose Elijah Garfield & Afa Perry & Thomas Stearns & Daniel Farwell & Deacon Thurstin & Jon^a Smith to be Survairs of high ways & Collectors of high way taxes

14^{ly} Chose Nicholas Danforth & Joshua Peirce to be Dear Reves

15^{ly} Chose John Bufs & Ebn^r Thurstin to be fire wards

16^{ly} Chose Zakariah Whitney David Peirce & Joseph Polley to be hog Reves

17^{ly} Chose Solomon Steward to be survair of Shingles & Clabbords

18^{ly} Chose Jonathan Wood to be survair of Hoops & Staves

19^{ly} Chose Joseph Walker & Deacon Thurstin to be fence vewers

20^{ly} chose William Thurlo to be Sealer of Lether . . .

21^{ly} Chose Joseph Walker to be sealer of Waits and meafures

22^{ly} Voted that the town of Fitchburg pay M^r James Poole five pounds to bord Mifs Hart one whole year & so in proportion provided she should not Live the year out p^d m^r Poole

23^{ly} Voted that the Swine Run at Large being Yoaked & ringd according to Law

Fitchburg February 24th 1775

this Day Laid out by us the Subseribers a road begining at M^r Joseph Spoffords Corner on the North side of the road near the Brook and keeping a Crost s^d Spoffords corner to Will^m Thurlo^s Land then Runing on s^d Thurlos Land by s^d Spoffords Line to a peace of common Land

and then through s^d common to Ruben Gibson house and so through s^d Gibsons Land if wanted

Ebn ^r Woods	}	Select men
Isaac Gibson		for
Joseph Walker		Fitchburg

Fitchburg march 6th 1775

this road Excepted and given provided that the road that Leads from Benj^a Jaquiths Land to william Thurlos House be Difcontinued

William Thurlo

24^{ly} the Town Meeting be Difolved

Isaac Gibson moderator

The several town offcerers took their oaths as is required by Law

Joseph Fox town Clerk—

[108] March 6th 1775 meet according to adjournment the 10th of Januery 1775

15^{ly} Voted to provide forty Bayonets for the minute Compay for the Use of the town upon any Expedition and then to be returnd to the Town

16^{ly} Voted that the Offcerers of the minute Company be a committee that shall provide forty Bayonets for the Use of the town

This meeting Difolved

Isaac Gibson moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clark

(Seal) Worcester Is. To Silas Snow Conftable for the town of Fitchburg Greeting

In his majesties name you are hereby required to warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg Qnallified by Law to vote in town meetings to assemble and meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on tusday the twenty first day of this Instant march att one O Clock in the after noon then and their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles

1^{ly} to chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} to raise money to repair the high ways for the year Ensuing or act any thing refering their too

3^{ly} to Chuse a committee to Reekon with Capt^t Thomas Cowdin the late town treafury or act any thing refering their too

4 To see if the town will raise money for to pay for the bayonets for which their was a Committee chosen to provide said Bayonets at our anual march meeting 1775 or act any thing refering their too as they shall think proper

5^{ly} To see if the town will chuse a man to Dig Graves or act any thing refering their too as they shall think proper

6^{ly} to see if the town will ditmifs Capt^t Ruben Gibson as Constable & chuse sum other man in that part of the town in his rome or act any thing refering their too as they shall think proper

hereof fail not & make due return of this warrant and your doings hereon to sum one of us on or before the above said day given under our hands & seal this sixth day of march and in the fifteenth year of his majesties Reign A D 1775

Joseph Walker	{	Select men for Fitchburg
Ifaac Gibson		
Ebn ^t Woods		
Phinehas Hartwell		
Kendal Boutell		

Worcester fs. In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the free holders and other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in town meetings to meet at time and place as is witlin perfixt

Silas Snow Constable

[109] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburg assembled March 21st 1775

1^{ly} Chose Capt^t David Goodridge Moderator

2^{ly} Voted to Raise Eighty pounds to mend the high-ways and that the sum be workt out in the same manner as Last year

3^{ly} Voted to chuse a committee to reckon with Cap^t Tho^s Cowdin the late town treafury

4^{ly} Voted to chuse Capt Ebn^r Bridge one of the Committee to reckon with the late Treadury

5^{ly} Voted to chuse M^r Phinahas Hartwell one of the Committee to reckon with the late treadury

6^{ly} Voted to chuse M^r Joseph Walker one of the Committee to reckon with the late treadury

7^{ly} Voted that the Select men give the Committee that was chosen to provide the Bayonets an order to draw the money out of the town treasury to pay for the Bayonets the Committee rendering an account

8^{ly} Voted to chuse M^r Solomon Steward to Dig Graves

9^{ly} Voted that this meeting be Dissolved

David Goodridge moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clark

(Seal) Worcester Is To M^r Reuben Gibson one of the Constables for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

In his Majesties name you are hereby required to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote for a Representative to assemble and meet at the Meeting house in Fitchburg on Munday the twenty second day of this Instant may at two O Clock in the afternoon then & their being duly meet and formd to act on the following articles: viz:

1^{ly} To chuse a Moderator to govern s^d meeting . . .

2^{ly} to see if the Town will chuse one member or more to Represent us in a provential Congress to be held in the meeting house in Watertown on the 31st day of may Instant or act any thing refering their too as they shall think proper

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant unto sum one of us the Subscribers at or before the day above mentioned given under our hands and seal this 12th day of may and in the fiftliteenth Year of his Majesties Reign
A D 1775

Isaac Gibson	} Select men for Fitchburg
Joseph Walker	
Kendal Boutell	

In Obediance of the within written warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other Inhabatants of the town to meet at time and place

Reuben Gibson Conftable

[110] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled May 22nd 1775

1^{ly} Chose M^r Joseph Walker Moderator . . .

2^{ly} voted to chuse one member to attend the proven-tial Congress

3^{ly} voted and chose Joseph Fox to attend the Congress at Watertown

This meeting Difolved

Joseph Walker moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worefter fs To Cap^t Reuben Gibson Conftable for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—

In his Majefties name and in Obfervance to the Conti-nential and Provential Congress Resolves you are here by Required to warn all the free holders and other Inhabi-tants of the Town of Fitchburg that have an Eftate of Freehold in Lands within this Province or territory of Forty shillings per annum at the least or other Eftate to the value of forty pounds Sterling to Afsemble at the Meeting house in Fitchburg on Tusday the Eleventh day of July next enfuing at three O Clock in the after noon then and their being Duly meet and formed to act on the following articles

1^{ly} to Chuse a Moderator to Govern said Meeting

2^{ly} to see if the Town will Chuse a Man to Reprefent the town in the Great and General Cort or Afsembly Held at Watertown on Wednesday the Nineteenth day of July next Enfuing or act any thing Refering theretoo as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the above Mentioned day given under our hands and Seal this twenty ninth day of

June and in the fifteenth year of His Majesties Reign Anno Domini 1775

Joseph Walker	}	Select men for Fitchburg
Isaac Gibson		
Phinahas Hartwell		
Kendal Boutell		

In Obedience to the within written warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town to meet at time & place

Reuben Gibson Conftable

[111] Fitchburg July 11th 1775

The town of Fitchburg in Conformity to a precept Directed to the Selectmen in s^d town by the Provential Congress the Town Legally meet and voted not to send by virtue of that warrant

attest

Isaac Gibson
Joseph Walker
Kendal Boutall
Phinahas Hartwell

(Seal) Worcester fs to Cap^t Reuben Gibson Conftable for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—

In his majesties name you are hereby required to warn all the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to Assamble & meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Tusday the Third day of Oct^r next at one O Clock in the afternoon then & their being duly meet and formd to act on the Following articles

1^{ly} To Chuse a Modirator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} To Raise money to pay the Reverend John Payson his Salury for the year 1775

3^{ly} to Raise money to provide Schooling for the Year Ensuing or act any thing refering their to as they shall think proper

4^{ly} to see what method the Town will provide Mr Paysons Wood for the Year Ensuing

5^{ly} To have all persons thats Done Service for the town to bring their act^s

6^{ly} To see if the Town will Raise money to pay all Nefefary Charges and act^s brought against the Town or act any thing Refering their too as they shall think proper

7^{ly} To see what the Town will advise to do with Will^m Henderfon that now Refides amongst us

8^{ly} To see what method the Town will come into in Refpect to the Towns money & province that remains in Solomon Stewards hands or act any thing refering theirto as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the above mentioned day given under our hands and seal this Eigteenth day of Sep^r & in the fifteenth year of his Majefties Reign Ano Domini One Thoufend Seven hundred & Seventy five

Isaac Gibson	} Select men For the Town of Fitchburg
Phinehas Hartwell	
Joseph Walker	
Kendol Boutell	

Worcefter fs In Obedience to the within written warrant I have Notified all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of s^d Town agreable to the within written warrant
Reuben Gibson Conftable

[112] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled Oct^r 3rd 1775

1^{ly} Voted and Chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator . . .

2^{ly} Voted to Raise sixty six pounds thirteen shillings & 4^d to pay the Reverend Mr Payson his Salury the Year 1775 £66 13 4

3^{ly} Voted to Raise twenty pounds to be Schooled out the Year Enfuing . . . 20 0 0

4^{ly} Voted y^t Mr Afa Perry Mr John Putnam Mr Elijah Carter Mr Ephraim Orfburn & Joseph Fox to be a Committee to provide a School Mafter or Masters

5^{ly} Voted that the school money be laid out as it was Last year

- 6^{ly} Voted to lett out M^r Paysons Wood to the man or men that will provide it cheapest
- 7^{ly} Voted that M^r Afaph Goodridge find & provide thirty Cord of Good Wood for the Reverend M^r Payson one whole year begining at the first day of Decemb^r next, the wood is to be Corded up at M^r Paysons house according to Law & that the town pay M^r Afaph Goodridge for said Wood four pounds six shilling & 8^d £4 6 8 p^d
- 8^{ly} Voted and Raised four pounds six shillings & 8^d to pay for M^r Paysons Wood
- 9^{ly} Voted to pay Doc^t John Taylor two pounds seven shillg^s & 5^d for Representing s^d Town in the Great & General Cort in the Year 1774 £2 7 5 p^d
- 10^{ly} Voted & Excepted M^r Daniels Putnums ac^t which is - 4 - p^d
- 11^{ly} Voted & Raised four pounds seventeen shillg^s & 8^d to pay Doc^t Greenliefs ac^t for Doctoring M^r Bancrofts family £4 17 8
- 12^{ly} Voted & Excepted of Joseph Sawyers ac^t which is - 13 - p^d
- 13^{ly} Voted & Excepted of Cap^t Cowdlins ac^t for Sweaping the meeting house six months & paying for a Horse to Cambridge which is £0 15 8 p^d
- 14^{ly} Voted & Excepted of Cap^t Reuben Gibsons ac^t which is £1 - - p^d
- 15^{ly} Voted & Excepted of M^r Kendol Boutells ac^t which is £1 16 - p^d
- 16^{ly} Voted & Excepted of M^r Isaac Gibsons ac^t which is £- 8 - p^d
- 17^{ly} Voted & Excepted of Cap^t Goodridges ac^t which is £9 10 - p^d
- 18^{ly} Voted & Excepted of Joseph Fox^s ac^t which is £12 6 10 1 p^d

19^{ly} Voted to adjorn the meeting to friday
next at one O Clock in the after noon

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Friday Oct^r 6th 1775

meet according to adjournment

20^{ly} Voted & Excepted of M^r Abraham

Ireland ac^t which is £1 2 8 p^d

21^{ly} Voted to Raise five pounds to pay

M^r Poole for Bording Mifs Hart one

whole Year £5 - - paid

[113] 22^{ly} Voted to allow M^r Oliver

Upton his ac^t which is £0 6 8 paid

23^{ly} Voted to Except of the Committees

ac^t which was appointed to provide

Bayonets for the minute Comp^y . . . £7 16 - paid

24^{ly} Voted to Raise money to pay for the

Towns meafures - 11 - paid

25^{ly} Voted to raise One hundred & thirty

nine pounds fourteen shillings & 11^d 1q^r

to pay the ac^ts brought against the

Town £139 14 11 1

26^{ly} Voted & rais^d Eight pounds to pay

Nefary Charges 8 - - -

Total Raised £147 14 11 1

27^{ly} Voted that the Select men be a Committee to
Joyn with Lunenburg or to do what they think proper
with Regard to M^r William Henderfon

28^{ly} Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to Set-
tle with M^r Solomon Steward with Regard to the Towns
& province money which Lyes in his hands as they think
proper and most for the advantage of the Town

The Meeting Defolved

David Goodridge moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clark

(Seal) Worcester: fs To Cap^t Reuben Gibson one of
the Constables for the Town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting

In his Majestes name you are required to warn all the
freeholders and others Inhabitants of the Town of Fitch-

burg Qualified by to vote in town meetings to affemble and mett at the meeting house in said Town on munday the forth Day of March next at nine O Clock in the forenoon then and their being Duly mett and formed to act on the following articles

1^{ly} To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} To Chuse Town Offercers for the Year Ensuing for said Town as the Law Directs

3^{ly} To see if the Town will Except of Town Roads Laid out by the Selectmen or their order or vote any thing refering theretoo as they shall think proper whent mett

4^{ly} To see what method the Town will provide for Mifs Harts maintainance the Year Ensuing or vote any thing refering their too as they shall think proper . . .

5^{ly} To raise money to mend the Roads and Bridges the Year Ensuing or vote any thing refering their too

6^{ly} To see if the Town will vote the Swine to run at Large the year Ensuing under the Regulation of the Law or vote any thing refering theirtoo as they shall think proper

7^{ly} To see if the Town will abate John Mudges Rates or a part of his rates in Phinehas Sawyers List or act any thing refering thertoo as they shall think proper

[114] 8^{ly} To bring in their votes for a County Register

9^{ly} To bring in their votes for a County Treafury

Hereof fail not and make Due return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the above mentioned day given under our hands and seal this ninth Day of February and in the Sixteenth year of his majestes Reign A D 1776

Isaac Gibson	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Joseph Walker	
Phinehas Hartwell	
Kendal Boutell	

Worcester fs In obedience of the within written warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at time and place

Reuben Gibson Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Town of Fitchburg assembled March 4th 1776

1^{ly} Voted and Chose Cap^t David Goodridge Moderator

2^{ly} 3 4 5 6 Voted and Chose Capt David Goodridge
Mr Isaac Gibson Mr Phinehas Hartwell Mr Jo^s Walker
& m^r Elijah Carter Selectmen

7^{ly} Voted and Chose Joseph Fox . . . Town Clark

8^{ly} Voted and Chose Ensign Jon^a Wood Town Treafury

9^{ly} Voted and Chose Thomas Stearns Conftable for
south fide

10^{ly} Voted and Chose William Thurlo Conftable for
north side Conftables

11^{ly} Voted and Chose Ephraim Kimball Jurⁿ & David
Parce Wardens

12^{ly} Voted and Chose Daniel Putnam & Charles Wil-
lard Tythingmen

13^{ly} Voted that the Selectmen be affeffors for the year
Enfuing affeffors

14^{ly} Voted that Benj^a Jaquith Joseph Walker Jo^s
Downe Samuel Herrick James Poole Jo^s Fox & Jonathan
Boynton Survaors of high ways & Collectors
of high way taxes

15^{ly} Voted & chose Joseph Spofford & Hezekiah Hodgs-
kins Deer Reves

16^{ly} Voted and Chose John Carter & Jacob
Foster Firewards

17^{ly} Voted and Chose Nicholas Danforth & Tim^o
Fullum Hog Reves

18^{ly} Voted and Chose Solomon Steward . . . Sur-
vair of Shingles and Clabbords

19^{ly} Voted and Chose Ensign Jon^a Wood . . . Sur-
vair of hoops & Staves

20^{ly} Voted & chose Jo^s Adams & Daniel Farwell . Fence
Vewers

21^{ly} Voted & chose William Thurlo Sealer of
Lother

22^{ly} Voted & chose Joseph Walker Sealer of
Weights and meafures

23^{ly} Voted to Difcontue part of a road Laid out Feb-
ruary 27th 1773 by the Selectmen begining at the widow

whitcombes north west corner to Joseph Grays and Oliver Stickneys norwest Corner

[115] 24^{ly} Voted to discontinue the Road runing from Will^m Thurlo^s house as far as it runs upon s^d Thurlo^s Land towards Benj^a Jaquith House

25^{ly} Voted that the Town of Fitchburg pay Cap^t David Goodridge five pounds Six Shillings & Eight pence to board Mifs Heart one whole year and so in proportion provided She should not Live the year out

26^{ly} Voted to chuse a Committee to make a new Bridge or mend the old one upon the Road Leading to Leominster nigh M^r Jonas Kindols house

27^{ly} Voted that James Poole Kendol Boutell & Sam^l Parce be a committee to build the bridge or mend the old one

28^{ly} Voted to Raife sixty pounds to mend the high-ways and that the sam be workt out in the same manner as Last year

29^{ly} Voted that the swine run at Large being Yoked and ringd according to Law

30^{ly} Voted to pafs over the Seventh article in the warrant

31^{ly} Voted for Register of Deeds

32^{ly} Voted for County Treasury

33^{ly} Voted and Chose a Committee of Corraspondence by order of the General Cort Consisting of five men (viz) Cap^t Reuben Gibson Cap^t Kendol Boutell Lieut^t Afa Perry John Putnam & Silas Snow

David Goodridge Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clark

Fitchburg Oct^r 27th 1774

*Laid out a two Rod road begining at Ashby Line at a Road Laid out from ashby to Sam^l Gibson Land in s^d Fitchburg from thence by marked trees on the Easterly side of said Rode to Sam^l Gibsons house from thence Southerly on Gibsons Land to M^r Joseph Bellows Land to a Crooked beach marked on the East side of said Rode from thence a crofs said Bellows^s Land to m^r Jona-

Caswell road, old location. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

then Brooks^s and Grimes^s Corner then Runing on said line near to M^r Brooks^s house then Turning on Grimes^s Land by Grimes^s Shop to David M^c Intire^s north East Corner and Jon^a Flints Corner

Fitchburg February 29th 1776

Flints Corner as above mentioned is now called Joseph Heart north west corner A two rod rode Laid out from Joseph Hearts North west Corner of his Lot begining at said corner a southerly point Runing a Straight Line to said Hearts old House spot near Phinehas Browns Line so on said to Browns southwest Corner then on the Line betwixt Harts and Herrick to hearts South East Corner from thence Down the Line betwixt Elias Haskiel and s^d Samuel Herrick y^e afore mentioned boundres finding one rod Each on their own Land to the County Road the fore mentioned Rode being Laid out for and by the Request of Sam^l Gibson Jo^s Bellows Jon^a Brooks Grimes Jo^s Heart Phinehas Brown of said Town

Laid out by . . .	Isaac Gibson	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
	Joseph Walker	
	Phinehas Hartwell	

This Road Excepted by the Town if Given

[116] Laid out a two rod Rode by a Committee appointed by the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg Requested by Oliver Stikney Joseph Gray & Will^m Rider Begining at the Widow Whitcomb^s North West Corner runing South Westerly fifty two Rods on said Stickneys Land then turning runing westerly forty Rods on Joseph Grays Land to Tho^s Hiltons Land then turning Runing south ten Deg^s West Seventy Seven rods on Tho^s Hiltons and Jo^s Grays Land to Abraham Willards Land marked trees on the East side of said Road Jo^s Gray finding seven Square Rods and half for his propotion to s^d Rode then turning Wefterly ten Degrees North on Abraham Willards Land twenty two Rods to Will^m Riders Land

Fitchburg March 1st 1776

Phinehas Hartwell	} Committee appointed for s ^d Rode
Phinehas Sawyer Ju ^r	
John Carter	

This rode Excepted by the town

The meeting Diffolved David Goodridge Moderator
 Town offercers Sworn according to Law
 Jo^s Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester Is To Cap^t Will^m Thurlo one of the
 Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting—

In Obfervance of the Colony writ to us directed these
 are in the name of the Goverment and people of the
 Maffachufetts Bay to will and Require you forthwith to
 Cause the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the town
 of Fitchburg that have an Eftate of Freehold in Land
 within this Province or territory of forty shillings per
 Annum at the Least or other Eftate to the value of fifty
 pounds Sterling to Afsemble and mett at the meeting
 house in Fitchburg on Thursday the twenty third Day of
 this instant may at one O Clock in the afternoon then
 and their to Elect and depute one or more perfons being
 freeholders and Refident in the same town according to
 the Number Sett and Limited by an act of the General
 Cort or Afsembly to serve for and represent them in a
 Great and General Cort or Afsembly appointed to be
 Convened held and kept for the Goverment Service at the
 Meeting House in Watertown upon wednesday the twenty
 ninth Day of this instant may

Hereof and to Cause the person or perfons so Elected
 and Deputed by the major part of the Electors prefent at
 fuch Election to be timely notified and Summoned by one
 or more of the Conftables of your town to attend the
 Goverment fervice in the Great & General Cort or Affem-
 bly on the Day above perfixed by nine in the morning . .

(Seal) Worcester Is to Cap^t Will^m Thurlo one of the
 Conftables of the town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting . .

You are hereby required to warn all the free holders &
 other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by
 Law to vote in town meeting [117] To afsembly and
 meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on thurfday the
 twenty third Day of this Instant may at two O Clock in
 the afternoon then and their being Duly meet and formed
 to act on the following articles to it

1^{ls} to chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

2^y to see what the Town will Do Concerning Will^m Henderfon now at Lunenburg or act any thing refering their unto as they shall think proper

Fail not make return of your doings to sum one of us at or before the day above mentioned Dated Fitchburg May 13th 1776

David Goodridge	} Selectmen For Fitchburg
Isaac Gibson	
Joseph Walker	
Phinehas Hartwell	
Elijah Carter	

Worcester fs in Obedience to the within written warrant I have notified the inhabitants of this town of this meeting according to this warrant

Will^m Thurlo Conftable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Town of Fitchburg affembled May 23rd 1776 in order to Chuse a Representative accordingly the vote was put to know if the Town would Send a Representative this present Year and it pafsed in the Negative

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Town of Fitchburg affembled May 23rd 1776

1^{ly} Chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator

2^{ly} Voted to Defend the case with Lunenburg with regard to maintaining Mr Will^m Henderson if their Should be an action comminced by Lunenburg

3^{ly} Voted to chuse a Committee to Defend any action with regard to Maintaining m^r W^m Henderfon with Lunenburg

4^{ly} Voted that the Committee should Confist of three

5^{ly} Voted that Cap^t Tho^s Cowdin be one of this Committee

6^{ly} Voted that Cap^t Jon^a Wood be one of this Committee

7^{ly} Voted that Joseph Fox be one of this Committee

8^{ly} Voted that the above Committee have full power to Defend any action with Lunenburg with regard to M^r

W^m Henderson or to Settle with the Town of Lunenburg as they shall Judge best

This Meeting Difolved David Goodridge Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[118] (Seal) Worcester Is: To Cap^t W^m Thurlo one of the Conftables for the Town of Fitchburg . Greeting—

By virtue of a Refolve pafsed by the Late house of Representatives may 10th 1776 to us directed in order to call a Town meeting you are hereby required to Notify the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg and others adjoining to said Town to Afsembly and meet at the meeting house in s^d Town on munday the first Day of July next at three O Clock in the afternoon then & their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1^y To Chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting . .

2^y To know the mind of the Town that if y^e Honorable Continental Congress should for the Safty of the United Colonies declare them independant of the Kingdom of Great Britain that we the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg will Solomnly Engage with their Lives & fortains to support them in the Measure or act any thing refering their too as they shall thing proper when meet

Here of fail not & make return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the Day above mentioned Given under our hands and Seal at Fitchburg this Nineteenth Day of June

Anno Domini 1776

David Goodridge	{	Selectmen For Fitchburg
Isaac Gibson		
Joseph Walker		
Phinehas Hartwell		
Elijah Carter		

Worcester. Is: In Obedience to the within written warrant I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of s^d Town and these Adjoining to said town of this meeting

Will^m Thurlo Conftable

3^d §. 1st That the Town Clerk copy of the second vote
and send it to the General Court

This meeting Disposed

David Goodridge & Moderator,
Joseph Fox - & Town Clerk

In Congress July 4th 1776

A Declaration by the Representatives
of the United States of America
in General Congress Assembled

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to separate the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the Powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation, we hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, Liberty and pursuit of Happiness: - That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and Happiness, prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all Experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed, but when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government and to provide new guards for their future security such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government, the History of the present King of Great-Britain is a History of Repeated injuries and - Usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. to prove this let facts be submitted to a candid world.

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg legally warned and Afsembled July 1st 1776

1^{ly} Voted and Chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator

2^{ly} Voted that if the Honorable Continental Congress should for the Safty of these United Colonies Declare them Independant of the Kingdom of Great Britain that we the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg will with Our lives and fortains support them in the measure

[119] 3^{ly} Voted that the Town Clark copyy of the second vote and Send it to the General Cort

This meeting Difolved

David Goodridge moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

In Congress July 4th 1776—

A Declaration by the Representatives
of the United States of America
In General Congress Afsembled

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the Powers of the earth, the Seperate and equal Station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitles them, a decent respect to the Opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the Causes which impel them to the separation, we hold these truths to be Self evident that all men are created equal that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness:—That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their Just powers from the consent of the Governed, that whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles, and Organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to Effect their Safty and Happiness, prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long Established should not be changed for light and tranfient causes; and accordingly all Experience hath Shewn, that mankind are more dis-

posed to Suffer, while Evils are Sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed, but when a long train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, Evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Dispotism, it is their right, it is their Duty to throw off such Government and to provide new guards for their future Security such has ben the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government, the History of the present King of Great-Briton is a History of Repeated injuries and Usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute tyranny over these States. to prove this let facts be submitted to a candid world.

[120] He has refused his assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the publick good . . .

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless Suspended in their Operation untill his Assent should be Obtained and when so Suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of Large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to Tyrants only. . . .

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable and distant from the depository of their publick records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly for opposing with manly Firmness his Invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such Dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of annihilation, have returned to the people at Large for their Exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of Invasion from with out and Convulsions within. . . .

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Natu-

ralization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither and raising the Conditions of new appropriations of Lands.

He has Obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his assent to Laws for Establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependant on his will alone, for the tenure of their Offices, and the amount and payment of their Salaries. He has erected a multitude of new Officers, and sent hither swarms of Officers to Harrahs our people, and Eat out their Substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace Standing Armies without the Consent of our Legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of, and Superiour to the Civil Power.

He has combined with others to Subject us to a Jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution, and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving his Assent to their acts of pretended Legislation:

For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock trial from punishment for any murders which they should commit on the inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our consent:

For depriving us in many cases of the benefits of Trial by Jury: For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended Offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a Neighbouring province Establishing therein an arbitrary Government and enlarging its boundaries, so as to render it at once an Example and fit Instrument for [121] For introducing the same absolute Rule into these Colonies.

For taking away our Charters abolishing our most valuable Laws and altering fundamentally the forms of our Governments:

For Suspending our own Legislatures and declaring themselves invested with power to Legislate for us in all Cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his protection and waging war against us.

He has plundered our Seas ravaged our Coasts, burnt our Towns, and destroyed the Lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to compleat the works of Death Defolation and tyranny already begun with circumstances of Cruelty and Perfidy Scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous Ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a Civilized nation.

He has constrained our Fellow Citizens, taken captives on the high Seas to bear arms against their Country; to become the Executioners of their friends and brethren, or to fall themselves by their hands.

He has excited domestic inferrections amongst us, and has Endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our Frontiers the merciless Indian Savages, whose known Rule of warfare is an undistinguished Destruction of all Ages, Sexes, and Conditions.

In every stage of these oppressions we have petitioned for redress, in the most humble terms: our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated Injury!—A prince whose Character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the Ruler of a free people! . . .

Nor have we been wanting in attention to our British Brethren, we have warned them from time to time of attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us, we have reminded them of the Circumstances of our Emigration and Settlement here, we have appealed to their native Justice and Magnanimity and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these Ufurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connexions and Correspondence. they too have been deaf to the voice of Justice and of Consanguinity. we must, therefore Acquiesce in the necessity which Denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind Enemies in war; in peace, Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress Assembled appealing to

connection, between them and the State of Great-Britain, is, and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as free and Independent States, they have full power to Levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which Independent States may of right do, and for the Support of this declaration with a firm reliance on the protection of divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives our Fortunes and our Sacred Honor.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Congress

John Hancock, President

Attest

Charles Thompson, Secretary

In Council July 7th 1776

Ordered that the declaration of Independence be printed; and a copy sent to the Ministers of each Parish of every Denomination within this State; and that they severally be required to read the same to their respective Congregations, as soon as divine service is ended, in the afternoon - on the first Lords Day after they shall have received it - and after such publication thereof, to deliver the said declaration to the Clerks of their several Towns or districts; who are hereby required to record the same in their respective Towns or District Books their to remain as a perpetual memorial thereof.

In the name and by order of the Council
Richard Darby, Junr. President

A true Copy Attest John Avery, Dep. Secy

A true Copy Attest Joseph Fort Town Clerk

the Supreme Judge of the world for the Rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name and by the Authority of the Good people of these Colonies Solemnly publish and declare that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and Independent States that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown; and that all political Connexion [122] connexion, between them and the State of Great-Britain, is, and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as free and Independent States, they have full power to Levy war conclude peace contract Alliances, Establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which Independent States may of right do, and for the Support of this declaration with a firm reliance on the protection of divine providence, we mutually pledge to Each other our Lives our Fortunes and our Sacred Honor.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Congress

John Hancock, President

Attest —

Charles Thompson, Secretary

In Council July 17th 1776—

Ordered that the declaration of Independance be printed; and a copy sent to the Ministers of Each Parish of every Denomination within this State; and that they Severally be required to read the same to their respective Congregations, as soon as divine Service is Ended, in the afternoon on the first Lords Day after they shall have received it:—and after such publication thereof, to deliver the said declaration to the Clerks of their Several Towns, or districts; who are hereby required to record the Same in their respective Towns or District Books their to remain as a perpetual memorial thereof.

In the name and by order of the Council

Richard Darby, Jun^r President

A true Copy Attest John Avery. Dep. Sec'y

A true Copy Attest Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[123] (Seal) Worcester: fs: To Cap^t William Thurlo one of the Constables for the Town of Fitchburg . Greeting

In the name of the State of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay you are required to warn all the freeholders

and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by law to vote in Town meetings to Assamble and meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Tusday the twenty forth Day of this Instant Sep^t at one O Clock in the afternoon and their being Duly meet and formed to act on the following articles to it

1^{ly} To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting . .
2^{ly} To vote the Reverend John Payson his Salary for the year Ensuing

3^{ly} To raise money for the school for the year Ensuing

4^{ly} To chuse a committee to provide a School or schools for the year Ensuing

5^{ly} To See what method the Town will come into to provide the Reverend John Payson his wood

6^{ly} To raise money to Support Mifs Hart for the Year Ensuing

7^{ly} To have all persons thats done service for the Town to bring in their accounts and Raise money for the same

8^{ly} To see if the town will abate any Persons Rates in any of the Constables Lists

9^{ly} To raise money to Defray Town charges for the Year Ensuing

10^{ly} To see if the Town will allow of a Hospital for the Anocalation for the Small Pox or act any thing refering theirto

11^{ly} To see if the Town will Confider the Rates in Mr Afa Perry^s List or act any thing refering their too as they shall think proper

12^{ly} To see if the Town will take into confideration the presnt State of Our committee of Inspection and Safty or act any thing theirto as they shall think Proper . . .

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under Our hands and Seal this Sixth Day of this Present September and in the Year of our Lord Christ 1776

David Goodride	} Selectmen For Fitchburg
Joseph Walker	
Phinehas Hartwell	
Elijah Carter	

Worcester: fs: In Obedience to the within written warrant I have warned all y^e freeholders and other Inhabitants Quallified by Law to vote in town meetings of the Day and time of this meeting

Will^m Thurlo Conftable

[124] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembld Sep^t 24th 1776 Then being Duly meet —

1^{ly} Voted and Chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator to Govern s^d meeting

2^{ly} Voted The Reverend John Payson his
Salury whis is £66 13 4

3^{ly} Voted To raie twenty pound for schooling the year Ensuing 20 0 0

4^{ly} Voted & chose Samuel Parce Daniel Putnam Liev^t Jon^a Page John Bufs & Solomon Steward a Committee to provide School Master or Masters for the Year Ensuing

5^{ly} Voted that the School money be Laid out as Last year

6^{ly} Voted to impower the Schools Committee to Give orders to such Master or Masters as they shall imploy in said Service

7^{ly} Voted to Give Amos Kimball £4.2.8. for Gitting thirty Cords of Good Wood for M^r Payson one whole year begining the first Day of Decemb^r next the wood is to be Corded up at M^r Paysons house according to Law

8^{ly} Voted to Raise the money to pay for M^r Paysons wood whis is 4 2 8 p^d

9^{ly} Voted to Raise money for Deacon Goodridge for boarding Mifs Heart 5 6 8 p^d

10^{ly} Voted to Allow Joseph Sawyers ac^t which is 4 8 paid

11^{ly} Voted to Allow Levi Kimballs Account whis is 1 0 6 p^d

12 ^{ly} Voted to Allow James Pools Act whis is	-	7	-	p ^d
13 ^{ly} Voted to Allow Deacon Thurstins Act which is	1	4	8	p ^d
14 ^{ly} Voted to Allow Afa Perrys act which is	1	9	-	p ^d
15 ^{ly} Voted to Allow Solomon Stewards act which is	5	8	10	p ^d
16 ^{ly} Voted to Allow James Poole Kendol Boutell & Sam ^{ll} Parce A Committee their Act which is	6	6	-	
17 ^{ly} Voted to allow Kendol Boutell ^s act which is	-	15	-	p ^d
18 ^{ly} Voted to allow Kendol Boutell ^s act for Cloth which is	1	1		p ^d
19 ^{ly} Voted to Allow Joseph Walkers at ^s which is	-	1	-	p ^d
20 th Voted to Allow Phinehas Hartwells act which is	1	6	-	paid
21 st Voted to Allow Deacon Goodridge for numbering y ^e people	0	4	-	p ^d
22 nd Voted to Allow Joseph Walker for numbering y ^e people	-	4	-	p ^d
23 rd Voted to allow Isaac Gibson ^s act which is	1	2	-	p ^d
24 th Voted to abate John Mudges Rates in Solomon Stewards List Except his head in said List				
25 th Voted to pay Joseph Adams for Shov- els whis is	2	-	-	
26 th Voted to Raise money to pay the above act ^s				
[125] 27 th Voted to Raise Thirty pounds to pay Nefefary charges	30	-	-	
28 th Voted And Chose Liev ^t Abraham Gibson Daniel Putnam & Joseph Fox for A Committee to Confider Afa Perrys Rates or act any thing refering theirtoo as they shall think proper				

David Goodridge Moderator

A true copy of the minutes

Attest Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester: fs: to Cap^t William Thurlo one of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg . . Greeting . .

In the Name of the State of the Colony of the Maffachusetts Bay you are hereby Required to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to affemble and meet at the Meeting house in Fitchburg on Munday the Thirtyeth Day of this Instant September at four O Clock in the afternoon being Duly meet and formed to act on the following Articles

1^{ly} To Chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} To See if the Town will Chuse a County Register of Deeds

3^{ly} To Chuse a County Treasury as the Law Directs

Hereof fail not to make a return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under our hands and Seal this Twenty Eighth Day of September In the Year of our Lord One Thoufand Seven hundred & Seventy Six

Isaac Gibson	{	Selectmen For Fitchburg
Phinehas Hartwell		
Elijah Carter		
David Goodridge		
Joseph Walker		

Worcester: fs: in Obedience to the within written warrant I have warned the freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the time & place of this meeting

William Thurlo Conftable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled Sept^r 30th 1776 then being Duly meet

1^{ly} Chose Deacon David Goodridge Moderator to Govern s^d Meeting . . .

2^{ly} Proceeded and voted for a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester

3^{ly} Voted for a County Treasury for the County of Worcester and Delivered S^d votes to the Conftable as the Law Directs

David Goodridge moderator

A true copy from the minutes attest

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[126] (Seal) Worcester: fs: To William Thurlo one of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburgh . . Greeting

In the name of the State of the Colony of the Maffachufetts Bay you are hereby required to warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg being free and twenty one years of age or upwards to Affemble and meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Thursday the Seventeenth Day of Oct^r next at one O Clock in the afternoon then and their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles to it

1^{ly} To Chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting . .

2^{ly} To see if the Town will vote that the Representative House together with the Council shall make a form of Government for the State of the Maffachufetts Bay or act any thing Refering theirtoo as they shall think proper

3^{ly} To see if the Town will send a man to Represent them in the great and General Cort according to a refolve of the Seventeenth Instant and act any thing refering theirtoo as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not make due return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under our hands and Seal this thirteenth Day of September and in the year of our Lord 1776—

David Goodridge	} Selectmen For Fitchburg
Isaac Gibson	
Joseph Walker	
Phinehas Hartwell	

Worcester: fs: In Obedience to the within written warrant I have warned all the free holders and other Inhabitants according to the Directions of the within written warant

Will^m Thurlo Conftable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affsembled Oct^r Seventeenth. 1776—

1^{ly} Chose Deacon David Goodridge Moderator

2^{ly} The vote being put to see if the town would vote that the Representative House together with the Counsell shall make a form of Government for the State of the Maffachufetts Bay: it pafsed in the Negative

3^{ly} Voted to Chuse a Committee to give the reasons why they would not Consent that the house of Representatives together with the Counsell should make a form of Government for this State

[127] 4^{ly} Voted that the Committee consist of five

5^{ly} Voted that M^r Phinehas Hartwell be one of the Committee

6^{ly} Voted that Liev^t Kendol Boutell be one of the Committee

7^{ly} Voted that Joseph Fox be one of the Committee

8^{ly} Voted that M^r Daniel Putnam be one of the Committee

9^{ly} Voted that Cap^t David Goodridge be one of the Committee

10^{ly} Voted not to chuse a man to Represent them in the General Cort

11^{ly} Voted that this meeting be adjurnd to friday 25th Day of Oct^r Instant three O Clock in the Afternoon

October 25th 1776 The Town meet according to adjournment and the Committee made the following report—to it

1st . . . As we are Sensable that our Situation Demands a particular attention and Due Consideration in matters of the Greatest importance on so intrusting concern for the Publick Good and for the Good order and benifit of the community and peace of this State that as the End of Government is the happinefs of the people so the Sole power and right of forming and Etablising a plan theirof is Efencially in the people

* 2^{ly} Because a Large number of our worthy Inhabitants of this State are now ingaged in the Service of the United States in Opposing our unnatiral Enemies which we apprehend ought of right to have an Eaqueel voice in Etablising a form of Government for this State as those that are not Engaged in the Army . . .

3^{ly} Because that the present House were never Elected by the people to Etablsh a form of Government for this

*the second reason should have ben wrote the third & the third reason should have ben the Second. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

State but for ordering and Governing the prudential affairs of this Embarrifed State as neceffity Calls for their Strict attention theretoo

But provided the prelent House of Representatives together with the Counfel should proceed to make a form of Government

Refolved that it is the Opininion of this Town that said form of Government should be made Publick for the Infpection and Perufal of the Inhabitants before the Rati-fication thereof by the Affembly

David Goodridge	}	Committee
Phinehas Hartwell		
Kendol Boutell		
Joseph Fox		
Daniel Putnam		

12^y The above report was put to vote to see if the Town would Except of it and it pafs in the affirmative

[128] 13^y Voted that the Town Clerk transmitt a copy of the reasons why the town will not confent that the House of Representatives together with the Counfell should not Eftablish a form of Government, into the Sec-ratarys Office of this State

David Goodridge Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcefter: fs: To one of the Conftables or the Town Clerk of the Town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting—

In the name of the Government & people of the State of the Maffachufetts Bay to order and Direct you forth-with to warn all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified by law to vote in Town meetings to Affemble and meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Thirfday the twenty Eight Day of this Instant Nov^r at two O Clock in the after noon then & their being duly meet and form^d to act on the following Articles to it

1^y To Chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2^y For the Town to bring in their votes for a County treasury for the County of Worcefter

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above men-

tioned given under our hands and Seal this Eighteenth Day of November and in the Year of Our Lord 1776—

David Goodridge	{	Selectmen for Fitchburg
Joseph Walker		
Elijah Carter		

Worcester fs in Obedience to the within written warrant I have warnd all the freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at time & place as is within mentioned

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Town of Fitchburg legally warned and Affembled Nov^r 28th 1776

1^{ly} Voted & chose Deacon Goodridge moderator

2^{ly} Votes called for . for a County Treasury

3^{ly} Voted to adjurn this meeting to Cap^t Cowdins forthwith

Votes for the County treasury being Seald up the meeting was Difolved

David Goodridge Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[129] In perfuant of and agreable to an act of the Great & General Court of the State of the Maffachufetts Bay Relative to Eftimating & Stating Certain prizes on farming Labour and all traidsmen and at certain seasons of y^e year and all necefsaries of Life that is to or may be Difpofed of in the several Towns here after mentioned that at a meeting of the Selectmen & Committee of the Town of Groton Shirley Townfhend Lunenburg & Fitchburg conveyed together at the House of Co^l Abijah Stears^s Inholder in Lunenburg on Tufday the 18th Day of this Infant Febr^y 1777 to perfix Prizes on the following articles not to be axceeded as here after mentioned in Price

1^{ly} Made choise of Deacon W^m Stearns as moderator to Govern s^d meeting

2^{ly} made chose of Cap^t James Horfley as Clerk for s^d meeting then Perfued as follow^s

Farming Labor for men

That farming Labor for men from the

Twentieth Day of June to the Twentieth

Day of August not to Exceed 3/0 p ^r			
Day	£0	3	0 -
That from the middle of Nov ^r to the mid-			
dle of march not to Exeed 1/6 p ^r Day	0	1	6 -
and the othe of the year in propotion . .	-	-	- -

Carpenter or House writes Bill

That a Carpenter or House wright not to			
Exeed 3/0 p ^r Day	£0	3	0 -
and other Carpenters or Joynery work in			
Propofial as Ufeal	-	-	- -

Wheat Rye & Indian Corn

Good Marchantable Wheat not to Exeed			
6/8 p ^r Bufhel	£0	6	8 -
Good Marchantable Rye not to Exceed 4/4			
p ^r Bufhel	0	4	4 -
Good Marchantable Indian Corn not to			
Exeed 3/4 p ^r Bushel	0	3	4 -
Good Marchantable Oats not to Exeed 2/			
p ^r bushel	0	2	- -

Fresh Pork & Salt Pork

Good Fresh Pork well fatted and of a Good			
Quallity not to Exeed 4 ^d p ^r lb . . .	£0	0	4 -
Good Salt Pork of a good Quallity with-			
out bone not to Exceed 8 ^d p ^r lb . . .	0	0	8 -

Cheefe butter & Beef

Good cheefe not to Exeed 6 ^d p ^r lb . . .	£0	0	6 -
Good Butter not to Exceed 9 ^d p ^r lb . . .	0	0	9 -
Good Grafs fatted Beef well fatted not to			
Exceed 3 ^d p ^r lb	0	0	3 -
& Good Stall feed Beef not to Exceed 4 ^d			
p ^r lb	0	0	4 -
and Beef of an Inferior Quallity in Eaquel			
Propotion	-	-	- -

Raw Hides & Skins

Raw hides not to Exceed 3 ^d p ^r lb . . .	£0	0	3 -
Raw Calf Skins not to Exeed 6 ^d p ^r lb . .	0	0	6 -

Pease Beans Pertatoes & Turnips

Good Marchantable Pease not to Exceed 7/ p ^r bushel	£0	7	—	—
Good Marchantable Beans not to Exceed 6/ p ^r bushel	0	6	—	—
Good Marchantable Protatoes in the Fall not to Exceed 1/ p ^r bushel	0	1	0	—
and at the Spring or other Seacons 1/6 p ^r bushel	0	1	6	—
Good turnip not to Exceed 1/ p ^r bushel	0	1	—	—

Sheeps Woll & mens Stockings

Good Sheep ^s woll of a good Quallity not to Exceed 2/ p ^r lb	£0	2	0	—
and other Woll in Propotion	—	—	—	—
mens Stockings of the best Quallity not to Exceed 6/	0	6	—	—

Cordwainers Bill

For making for men and Finding Lothar of the best Quallity not to Exceed 8/	£0	8	0	—
& other shoes of a Lefser Size in Lefser Propotion	—	—	—	—
For making mens shoes the Farmer Find- ing Lothar not to Exceed 3/	—	3	—	—
and Lefser Shoes in Eaquel Propotion as Ufeal	—	—	—	—

Tanner & Curier

Good Sole Lothar of the best Quallity not to Exceed 1/3 p ^r lb	£0	1	3	—
And Curried Lothar in Eaquel Propotion as Ufeal	—	—	—	—

Mutton Lamb & Veal

Good Lamb, Mutton & Veal not to Exceed 3 ^d ½ p ^r lb of the best	£0	0	3	2
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[130] Flax

Good Flax well drest fit for the makett not to Exceed 1/ p ^r lb	£0	1	0	—
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Wheat Flower

Good Wheat flower not to Exceed 22/ p ^r			
hun ^d	£1	2	0 -
and Lefser Quantities in Propotion as Useal	-	-	- -

Tavern Keepers

Horse Keeping not to Exceed 1/3 a night			
or 24 hours on Good English Hay . .	£0	1	3 -
Good Paftering a night or 24 hours not			
to Exceed 8 ^d	0	0	8 -
Ox keeping a night or 24 hours not to			
Exceed 1/6	0	1	6 -
A Good Pasture for a Yoke of Oxen one			
night or 24 hours /10 ^d	0	0	10 -

Poltry

Turky Dunghill fowls & Ducks not to Ex-			
ceed 5 ^d p ^r lb	£0	0	5 -

Geefe

Geefe not to Exceed 4 ^d p ^r lb	£0	0	4 -
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Milk & English Hay

Good new milk not to Exceed 2 ^d	£0	0	2 -
Good English Hay not to Exceed 3/ p ^r			
hun ^d	0	3	- -

Boards Side Clabbords Set by our own Towns
by order of Com^{tt}

Good Marchantable pine boards not to			
Exceed 22/ p ^r Thoufand	£1	2	- -
and other boards in Propotion to Quan-			
tity & Goodnefs	-	-	- -
for Sawing pine boards not to Exceed 8/4			
p ^r Thoufand	-	8	4 -
and other Sawing according to Quantity			
& Stuff as Useal	-	-	- -
Good Marchantable side Clabbords not to			
Exceed 64/ p ^r Thoufand	3	4	- -
Good Marchantable pine shingles not to			
Exceed 10/ p ^r Thoufand	-	10	- -

Good Heart Staves & heading not to Exceed 30/ p ^r Thoufand	£1	10	-	-
Good Heart Barrills well made flat hoops not to Exceed 3 ¹ / ₈ p ^r barrill	-	3	8	-
and other Coopery Small or Great in Propotion as Ufeal	-	-	-	-

Sut by Each Town by order of Com^{tt}

A good Yoke of Oxen to Labour a Day from the first Day of april to the 20 th Day of May not to Exceed 1 ¹ / ₁₀ p ^r Day	£0	1	10	-
and all other Seafons in Propotion as Ufeal	-	-	-	-

Blackfmith Work & Cole

Black Smith work for Showing a horfe Plain Showing not to Exceed 5 ¹ / ₆ and all other Smith work in propotion . . .	£0	5	6	-
For Good Charcole best Swamp wood 4 ^d by the bushel	-	0	4	-
of pine not to Exceed 3 ^d p ^r bushel	-	0	3	-

Victualing by the meal Flip Syder

For a Dinner Boyl & roasted not to Exceed 1 ¹ / ₂	£0	1	0	-
Either Boyld or Roasted 10 ^d and other meals in propotion	-	0	10	-
a mugg of West India Flip not to Exceed 11 ^d p ^r mugg	-	0	11	-
New England Flip not to Exceed 9 ^d p ^r mugg	-	-	9	-
Good Syder on Hand fill ^d on the Lees not to Exceed 11/ p ^r Barrill	-	11	-	-

Horse hire

Horse hire for one person to ride not to Exceed 2 ^d p ^r mile	£0	0	2	-
going in a Carrage or Carry a burden in Ufeal Propotion	-	-	-	-

Flax Seed

Good Flax seed clean fit for sowing not to Exceed 5 ¹ / ₄ p ^r bushel	£0	5	4	-
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a Good seed Plow for one Day not to Exceed 1/0 p ^r Day	-	1	-	-
a Good Brakeing up Plow not to Exceed 2/5 p ^r Day	-	2	5	-

Taylors Bill Tow Cloth

Men Taylors 2/6 p ^r Day	£0	2	6	-
woman Taylors for mens ware 11 ^d p ^r Day	0	0	11	-
Either of the Taylors not to Exceed the prise perfixt	-	-	-	-
Good tow Cloth yard wide 2/ a yard as in the act	-	2	-	-
& other tow Cloth in propotion according to width and Quallity of the same kind & the prise of Corse Linnen to be computed after the same rate	-	-	-	-
Good yard wide Strip ^d Flannel not to Exceed 3/6 p ^r y ^d	-	3	6	-
and other Flannels in propotion according to width and Quallity	-	-	-	-
Good all woll Blue Cloth well manurefactured not to Exceed 10/ y ^d	0	10	0	-
and other Cloths and widths according to its Qualities	-	-	-	-
Good yard wide Homspun Cotten & Linnen Cloth of the common Sort not to Exceed 3/6 p ^r y ^d	-	3	6	-
& other widths and Quallitys of Cotten & Linnen in propotion	-	-	-	-

[131] Tallow

Good Tryed tallow not to Exceed 7 ^d p ^r lb	£0	0	7	-
and Rough tallow not to Exceed 5 ^d p ^r lb	-	-	5	-

Wagon

Wagon for a Jorney not to Exceed 2 ^d p ^r mile & in propotion up Contry as Ufeal	£0	-	2	-
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Womens work for weveing

For weaving all woll Ell wide 4 ^d a yard	£0	0	4	0
and all weaveing in propotion according to its Quallity	-	-	-	-

for one weeks Labor house work not to
 Exceed 2/6 — 2 6 —
 and any Extradonary nulsing in propotion — — —

Paftering Oxen

A Good yoke of Oxen to Pafture one weak
 not to Exceed 2/4 a weak fat cattle of
 the Largest & the best Pasture . . . £0 2 4 —
 & other Paftering in propotion to the
 goodnefs of the Paftering & cattle . — — —

on English Hay

For keeping a Large yoke of Oxen on good
 English Hay one weak 3/4 £0 3 4 —
 and other keeping of Cattle by the weak in
 the same propotion — — —

Bark for Tanners

Good hemlock bark Delivered at the tan
 house 10/ a cord £0 10 — —
 Good Oak bark so Delivered not to Exceed
 9/ p^r cord — 9 — —

Signd by order of the Selectmen & committee of the
 Town of Fitchburg . . .

David Goodridge Chairman

A True copy attest Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcefter fs To Either of the Conftables of the
 Town of Fitchburg Greeting—

These are therefore in the name of the Government
 and people of the State of the Maffachusetts Bay to order
 and Direct you forth with to convene the Freeholders &
 other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by
 Law to vote in Town meeting to affemble at the meeting
 houfe in Fitchburg on munday the Third Day of March
 next at nine of the Clock in the forenoon then & there
 being Duly meet and formed to act on the following arti-
 cles (viz) . . .

1^{ly} To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} To chuse Town Offereers for the year infewing as the Law Directs

3^{ly} To Provid for the poor and Endigent perfons of said Town and in what way and manner as shall be thought most proper . . .

4^{ly} To Grant money for repairing highways the prefent year and to act any thing refering theirtoo as they shall think proper . . .

5^{ly} To accept of such roads as the Town shall think neccessary that are Laid out by the Selectmen or their order . . .

6^{ly} To have all the Surveyors of high ways & high way Collecttors for the year past to make a return of their Collection & what is behind in their Lists to the Town the Day and time above mentioned for further orders as shall be thought most proper by the Town . .

7^{ly} To see if the swine may go at Large under the Regulation of the Law the Ensuing year . . .

8^{ly} To here the report of the Committee that was chofen to Regulate & assist Mr Afa Perry concerning his Rates & to act any thing refering theretoo as they shall think proper . . .

9^{ly} To chuse a committee or committees if need be or act any thing as shall be thought proper by the Town there for . . .

[132] Hereof fail not and make a return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned given under our hands & seal at Fitchburg this Thirteenth Day of February & in the year of Our Lord 1777

David Goodridge	} Selectmen For Fitchburg
Isaac Gibson	
Joseph Walker	
Phinehas Hartwell	
Elijah Carter	

Worcester Is In Obedience to the within written warrant I have warned all the free holders and other Inhabitants Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings of the time and place of this meeting . . .

W^m Thurlo Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitant of the Town of Fitchburg affembled March 3rd 1777

1^{ly} Chose Deacon Goodridge moderator

2^{ly} 3^{ly} 4^{ly} 5^{ly} 6^{ly} Voted & Chose Deacon David Goodridge M^r Phinehas Hartwell M^r Joseph Walker M^r Isaac Gibson & Liev^t Kendol Boutell Selectmen . . . Selectmen

7^{ly} Voted & Chose Joseph Fox Town Clerk . Town Clerk

8^{ly} Voted & Chose Cap^t Jon^a Wood Town Treafury Town Treafury

9^{ly} Voted & chose Elijah Carter Conftable for the South side the Town Excepted Tho^s Stearns in Elijah Carters Rome Conftable

10^{ly} 11^{ly} Voted & chose Solomon Stewad & Jon^a Holt Wardens Wardens

12^{ly} 13^{ly} Voted & Chose Cap^t Reuben Gibson & Daniel Farwell Tythingmen

14^{ly} Voted that the Selectmen be Affeffors . . . affeffors

15^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Jon^a Rufsell David Parce Joshua Goodridge John Carter Kendal Boutell Jo^s Adams & Nathan Babcock Survayers of highways & collecttors of highway taxes . Survayers of highways & Collettors of highway taxes

16^{ly} Voted & chose Eph^m Kimball Ju^r and Amos Kimball Deer Reves

17^{ly} Voted & chose John Bufs & Nich^s Danforth . Firewards

18^{ly} Voted & Chose Henery Lealand Daniel Putnam W^m Small & Oliver Upton . . hog Reves . . . Hog Reves

19^{ly} Voted & chose Solomon Steward Surveyer of Shingle & Clabords . . Surveyors of Shingles & Clabbords

20^{ly} Voted & Chose Cap^t Jon^a Wood Surveyor of hoops & Staves Surveyors of Hoops & Staves

21st Voted & chose Nicholas Danforth & Daniel Putnam Fence vewers

22^{ly} Voted & chose Cap^t W^m Thurlo Sealer of Lothar Sealer of Lothar

23^{ly} Voted & chose David Parce Sealer of Waits & meafures Sealer of W^{ts} & meafures

24^{ly} Voted that their shall be a Committee of Corrafpondence Infpection & Safty

25^{ly} Voted & chose James Poole Cap^t Reuben [Gibson] Daniel Putnam Joseph Fox & Jo^s Phelps a Commit-

tee of Corraspondence Inspection & Safty . . . Committee
of Corraspondence Inspection & Safty

[133] 26 Voted that The town of Fitchburg pay
Mr James Poole six pounds to board Mifs Heart one
whole whole year and so in propotion provided she should
not Live the year out £6 0 0 -

27 Voted to Raise fifty pounds to mend the high
ways and that the sum be workt out in the same manner
as years past 50 - - -

28 Voted to chuse a Committee to Treat with Cap^t
Flint with regard to a road Leading from Sam^l Gibsons

29^{ly} Voted that Phinehas Hartwell Charles Willard
& Elijah Carter be the Committee

30^{ly} Fitchburg March y^e 1st 1777

In Obediance to the orders of the Selectmen of the
Town of Fitchburg we the Subscribers have Laid out a
two rod road begining at the house of Kendal Boutells &
runing Northerly on s^d Boutells Land to Land of Tho^s
Hills & then runs on said Hills Land to Land of Roger
Bigelows & then Runs on s^d Bigelows Land to Land of
M^r Burts & then Runs on said Burts Land to Land of
Cap^t Cowdins & then runs on s^d Cowdins Land to Land
of Hezekiah Hodgfkns & runs through a corner of s^d
Hodgfkns Land to Land of Paul Wetherbees & then
runs on the Edge of s^d Wetherbees Land upon the ridge
to Land of s^d Hodgfkns & runs through another corner
of s^d Hodgfkns Land to the road that Leads to the
meeting house two Lenthis of fence from the corner which
road is Described by trees marked on the west side of the
road

And also another two Rod road begining near the
North East corner of Cap^t Cowdins Land & runs through
said Cowdins Land to Land of Nehemiah Fullers & then
runs through the Land of s^d Fullers by his house to Land
of Titns Wilders & through s^d Wilders Land by his house
to his South Line which road is Discribed by trees marked
on the Southerly side of the Road

Kendal Boutell	} Committee
Nehemiah Fuller	
Tho ^s Hill	

The town voted to Except the above Described roads if the Land is Given

31^{ly} A two rod road requested by & laid out for Jonathan Boynton & Reuben Smith freeholders in the Town of Fitchburg where as Jonathan Boynton Reuben Smith Elijah Carter being a committee appointed by the Selectmen of Fitchburg to Lay out s^d road which is as follows begining at Jonathan Boyntons House then runing a north Easterly point to s^d Smiths Land then Through a corner of s^d Smiths Land to Mr Wards the trees marked on the North Westerly side then runing East on the line between said Smiths Land and said Wards Land to an Oak tree one rod on Each Lot then runing North through said Wards Land to the corner of Widow Whitcombs Land the trees marked on the Westerly side then runing East to the Road that leads to Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r house Laid out by us the Subscribers

Elijah Carter	} Committee of Said Road
Reuben Smith	
Jonathan Boynton	

Further more the above Jonathan Boynton promises that he will give a road through his Land where the town shall think most needfull when requested provided the above mentioned road is Given Jon^a Boynton

The above Defribed road is Excepted by the Town if Given

[134] Fitchburg December y^e 4th 1776

32^{ly} A two rod road requested by and Laid out for Joseph Wetherbee & Jon^a Wetherbee freeholders in said Town Begining at Jon^a Wetherbees house then over the Bridge to Mr Joseph Wetherbees house then on s^d Wetherbees Land to Elias Haskiels Land then through Haskiels Land to Deacon Harri^s Land then through s^d Harri^s Land to Haskiel^s Land again then through s^d Haskiels to the County road that Leads to the meeting house in said Town the trees marked on the Northerly side of said road from the first mentioned place by us the Subscribers

David Goodridge	} Selectmen For Fitchburg
Joseph Walker	
Phinehas Hartwell	
Elijah Carter	

Furthermore the above Joseph Weatherbee promifes that he will give a road road through his Land where the town shall think most neadfull when requested attest

Joseph Wetherbee

The town Excepted the above Defcribed road if the Land is Given

*33^{ly} We the committee appointed by the Town of Fitchburg to regulate a former road Laid out for Sam^l Gibson Jon^a Brooks Andrew Grimes Jo^s Heart Phinehas Brown Cap^t Joseph Bellows as has tofore ben Defcribed formerly Laid from Sam^l Gibsons to Cap^t Flints North East & Jo^s Hearts South East corner being near together then begining betwixt said corners runing Southerly on Land of Sam^l Herricks a few rods acrost the corner to Cap^t Joseph Flints Land on the line betwixt said Flints & Herricks the width of s^d rode all on said Flints Land down to the East End of s^d Flints barn then by said barn by the house as near as convenient to the County road Laid for a two rod rode

Dated Fitchburg March 10th 1777

Phinehas Hartwell } Committee
Charles Willard }

The town voted & Excepted the former road Leading from the County road to Sam^l Gibsons as is above Defcribed if the Land is Given

34^{ly} Fitchburg March 27th 1777

We being chofen to take a Survey of a road layed out by the Selectmen from Sam^l Gibsons House to Cap^t Flints according to our orders have ben & find that the Land is very bad for a road and according to our Judgments the road will be much cheaper to Leive that road By m^r Harts old Seller through s^d Harts Land to Land of Phinehas Browns & through s^d Browns Land to Land of M^r Herricks & through s^d Herricks Land to Land of M^r Charles Willards & through said Willards Land to the county road s^d road Layed out by marked trees till it comes to M^r Herricks cleared Land & to the west of s^d Herricks

* Now known as Caswell road. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

House & so between m^r Willards house and and barn a two rod road by us

Jon^a Wood } Towns
Will^m Thurlo } Committee

[135] The town voted & accepted of the towns committees report with regard to the road Laid out from Sam^l Gibsons house to the county road by m^r Charles Willards house

35^{ly} Voted that the last years high way rates that is not Collected be workt out by the 10th of June and that the Last year Surveyors se that it is workt out by the time perfixed

36 Voted that the swine run at Large under the regulation of the Law

37 Voted that M^r Afa Perrys Rates Delivered him to Collect Still remain in his hands to Collect till fall meeting and as fast as collected to pay to the Town Treasury

*38 Voted to chuse a committee to Lay out a road from Sam^l Gibsons to the County road

*39 Voted that Cap^t Jon^a Wood Cap^t W^m Thurlo & Joseph Adams be the Committee

40 Votes called for a County Register and brought in sealed up & A return made on the warrant as Directed

This meeting adjurned to munday 31st Day of this Infant march at twelve OClock

March 31st 1777 meet according to adjournment the meeting opened & proceeded to bifness

41^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Nicholas Danforth Constable for the North side Constable

This meeting Defolved

David Goodridge Moderator

Town offercers sworn

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester Is To Thomas Stearns one of the Conftables of the town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting—

These are therefore in the name of the government and people of the State of the Maffachusetts Bay to order

*This a mistake in recording should have been 34^{ly} & 35^{ly} & the 34 where this is

& Direct you forthwith to notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to Assemble at the meeting house in Fitchburg on munday the 31st Day of this Instant march at One OClock in the afternoon then & there being Duly meet and formed to act on the following articles viz—

1^{ly} To chuse a moderator to govern s^d meeting

2^{ly} To See what measures the town will come into Relative to raising the coto of men for Service of this State for three years according to the General Corts order & compute what has ben already done in carrying on the war or act any thing refering there too as they shall think proper when meet &c . . .

Hereof fail not and make a return of this warrant with with your doings therin to sum one of us at or before the Day [136] and time above mentioned Given under Our hands & Seal this Seventeenth Day of March and in the year of Our Lord 1777

David Goodridge	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Phenihas Hartwell	
Joseph Walker	
Isaac Gibson	
Kendol Boutell	

Worcester: Is: March 31st 1777—

In Obedience to within written warrant I have notified and warnd all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble and meet at the meeting house in s^d Town on munday the 31st Day of this Instant march at one OClock in after noon to act on the articles herein mentioned

Attest Tho^s Stearns Constable for Fitchburg

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Assembled March 31st 1777

1^{ly} Voted & chose David Goodridge Moderator

2^{ly} The Question being put to see if the town will act upon the 2nd article in the warrant & it passed in the Affirmative

3^{ly} Voted to reconsider the Last vote

This meeting Dissolved

David Goodridge moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester: fs To Nicholas Danforth one of the Constables for the Town of Fitchburg these are therefore in the name of the Government & people of the State of the Massachusetts Bay to order and direct you forthwith to Notify Verberly by word of mouth all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants belonging to the North Company of the Town of Fitchburg Qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to Assembly & meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on munday the ninth Day of June next at two OClock in the afternoon then and their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1^{ly} To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

2 To chuse by Ballot sum person who is firmly attached to the American cause to procure and Lay before a Special Court of Sessions of the Peace to be held for that purpose [137] the Evidence that may be had of the inimical dispositions towards this or any of the United States, of any Inhabitants of this Town who shall be charged by the free holders and other Inhabitants of s^d Town or act any thing refering to an act intituled An Act for Securing this and the other United States against the Danger to which they are Exposed by the internal Enemies thereof

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentiond Given under Our hands & Seal at Fitchburg this 31st Day of May in the Year of Our Lord 1777

David Goodridge	}	Selectmen
Phineas Hartwell		
Joseph Walker	{	for Fitchburg
Isaac Gibson		

Worcester: fs: In Obedience to the within written warrant I have warned all the free holders and other Inhabitants= as Directed of the time & place of this meeting and for the purpose within mentioned

Nicholas Danforth Constable

(Seal) Worcester: Is To Thomas Stearns one of the Constables for the Town of Fitchburg

These are in the Name of the Government & people of the Massachusetts Bay to order and direct you forthwith to Notify Verbely by word of mouth all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants belonging to the South Company of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meeting to Asssembly and meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on munday the ninth Day of June next at two OClock in the afternoon then & their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1^{ly} To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^{ly} T chuse by ballot sum person who is firmly attached to the American Cause to procure & lay before a Special Court of Sessions of the Peace to be held for that purpose the Evidence that may be had of the inimical dispositions towards this or any other of the United States of any Inhabitants of this Town who shall be charged by the freeholders and other Inhabitants of sd^d Town or act any thing refering to an act intituled an act for securing this and the other United States against the Danger to which they are Exposed by the internal Enemies thereof

Hereof faiel not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under Our Hands & Seal at Fitchburg this 30th Day of May in the Year of Our Lord 1777—

David Goodridge	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Phineas Hartwell	
Joseph Walker	
Isaac Gibson	

Worcester Is June 9th 1777— In Obedience to the within written warrant I have notified all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg belonging to the South Comp^y Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the meeting house in said Town on munday the 9th Day of this Instant June at two O Clock in the afternoon to act on the article mention in said warrant

Tho^s Stearns Constable

[138] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled June 9th 1777 . . .

1^{ly} Voted and made chose of Deacon Goodridge Moderator

2^{ly} Made chois of Mr Phenias Hartwell whome the Town Prefumes is a man Firmly atteached to the Amari-can Cause to procure and Lay before a Special Court of Sessions of the Peace to be held for the following Purposes, to precure the Evidence that may be had of the Enemical disposissions towards this or any of the United States, of any Inhabitants of this Town who shall be Charged by the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of s^d Town

3^{ly} Voted that Joseph Fox & Ephraim Kimball be a Committee to go and purchase a Chist of Guns to be sold in the Town if a Sufficient Number of Men Engages to purchase the Guns

4^{ly} Voted to adjurn this meeting to the 23rd Day of this present June at two OClock in the afternoon at this place

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

June 23rd 1777 The Town meet according to adjornment and adjorned s^d meeting to the first munday in Sept^r next at two OClock in the afternoon at the Meeting house in s^d Town

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Sept^r 1st 1777 Then meet according to adjornment and the Meeting opened by the moderator two Selectmen & the Town Clerk Present and adjorned this meeting to the Last Tusday of this present month three OClock in the afternoon at this place

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Sept^r 30th 1777— Meet according to adjornment and the Town voted that this meeting be adjorned to the first munday of Deemb^r next at two OClock in the afternoon at this place

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

December 1st 1777 meet according to adjornment and the meeting opened by the Moderator, Three Selectmen &

Town Clerk Present & voted that this meeting be adjourned to the Last munday in this present month at two OClock in the afternoon at this place

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Decembr^r 29th 1777

Meet according to adjournment & the meeting opened by the Moderator, & the vote being put to see if this Meeting be Disolved, & it pased in the affirmative

The Meeting was accordingly Disolved

David Goodridge Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[139] (Seal) Worcester: fs: To Nicholas Danforth one of the Constables for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting— These are therefore in the Name of the Government & people of the State of the Massachusetts Bay to order and direct you to Notify and warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to Assembly and meet at the Meeting house in Fitchburg on Munday the 23rd Day of this present June at two OClock in the afternoon then and their being duly meet & formed to act on the following Articles (viz)

1^{ly} To chuse a Moderator to Govern said Meeting

2^{ly} To chuse the number of men as Specified in an Act intituled An act for amending and more Effectually carrying into Execution and act to prevent Monopoly and Oppression made in this present year, the Said persons to profecute all breaches of s^d act for proventing Monopoly and oppression which shall come to their Knowledge or act any thing refering their too as they shall think proper

3^{ly} To see what method the Town will come into with regard to raising the Remainder of the Continential Soldiers propotioned for this Town and compute what has already ben dun towards carrying On this present War or act any thing refering theirtoo as they shall think proper when meet

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us at or before the

time above mentioned Given under Our hands and Seal
this ninth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord 1777

David Goodridge	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Joseph Walker	
Phenias Hartwell	
Isaac Gibson	

Worcester: Is: In Obedience to the within warrant I
have warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of
the Town of Fitchburg of the time & place and for the
purposes within Mentioned for this meeting

Nicholas Danforth Constable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Fitchburg Affembled June 23rd 1777—

1^{ly} Voted Chose M^r Isaac Gibson Moderator

2^{ly} The Vote was put to see if the Town would Chuse
the number of Men as Specified in the Monopoly Act for
the purposes Mentioned in said Monopoly Act, And it
pased in the Affirmative

3^{ly} Voted to chuse five Men for the purposes in the
warrant for this meeting in the 2nd Article

4 ^{ly} Voted and Chose Maj ^r Ebn ^r Bridge	} The five men chosen by the Town Excepted of their appoint- ment & prom- ised to take the Oath when re- quested by y ^e Selectmen
5 ^{ly} Voted and Chose M ^r Afa Perry	
6 ^{ly} Voted and Chose M ^r Sam ^{ll} Herrick	
7 ^{ly} Voted and Chose M ^r Elijah Garfield	
8 ^{ly} Voted and Chose M ^r Daniel Farwell	

[140] 9^{ly} The vote was put to see if the Town would
Estimate the Cost of the present war Each Comp^y by
themselves; and it pased in the Affermative

10^{ly} Voted to Chuse Seven Men to Estimate what has
ben Don in the present War

11 ^{ly} Voted & chose M ^r Ebn ^r Bridge	} Committee
12 ^{ly} Voted & chose Joseph Fox	
13 ^{ly} Voted & chose Sam ^{ll} Parce	
14 ^{ly} Voted & Chose Daniel Putnam	
15 ^{ly} Voted & chose Daniel Farwell	
16 ^{ly} Voted & Chose Cap ^t Jon ^a Wood	
17 ^{ly} Voted & Chose Cap ^t W ^m Thurlo	

18^{ly} A vote was put to see if the Town would pay the cost of the War when Eftimated, by A rate of the Town

And it pafsed in the Affermative . . .

19^{ly} Voted that the Cap^t of Each Comp^y the Selectmen & Committee be impowered to borrow a Sufficient Sum of money to pay our Continental Soldiers that is not paid Sufficient to make up Our Coto of Continental Soldiers upon the Towns Credit

20^{ly} Voted that no man that cannot be Legally Affessed receive any money out of the Town Treafury by the Eftimation made for the prefent war

21^{ly} Voted that this meeting be adjornd to the first Day of July next at this place at four OClock in the afternoon

July 1st 1777—

The Town meet according to adjournment

The committee that was appointed to Eftimate what has ben don in the prefent war has attended that Service and made their report

22^{ly} It was put to vote to see if the Town would accept of the Eftimation made by the Committee and it pafsed in the Negative

23^{ly} Voted that the Cap^{ts} Selectmen & Committee return the money which they was ordered to borrow to pay Continental Soldiers that is not already procured . . .

24^{ly} Voted that this meeting be Difolved and the articles Stand as they are now recorded

Isaac Gibson Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[141] (Seal) Worcester: fs: To Nicholas Danforth one of the Conftables for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—

In the name of the Government and people of the Maffachufetts Bay you are hereby required to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to affemble and meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Tusday the thirtieth Day of this presents month at One

OClock in the afternoon then & their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1^{ly} To chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting . . .

2^{ly} To vote the Reverend John Payson his Salury for the Year Ensuing—& Likewise to see if the Town will make any Addition to his Salury for the year Ensuing . .

3^{ly} To raise money for the School for the year Ensuing

4^{ly} To chuse a Committee to provide a School or schools for the year Ensuing

5^{ly} To see what method the Town will come intoo to provide the Reverend John Payson his wood . . .

6^{ly} To raise money to Support Mifs Hart the Year Ensuing

7^{ly} To have all persons that^s Done Service for the Town bring in their act^s and raise money for the Same

8^{ly} To raise money to Defray Town charges for the Year Ensuing

9^{ly} To see if the Town will raise money for the Aminition & Guns provided by the Selectmen for the Towns Use or act any thing refering theretoo

10^{ly} To see if the Town will raise money to purchase more Aminition & Guns for the Towns Use

11^{ly} To see if the Town will come into sum method that the money paid in this Town to hire the three Years Continental men be made into a rate or act any thing refering theretoo as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under our hands & Seal at Fitchburg this fifteenth Day of Sep^r and in the Year of Our Lord 1777

David Goodridge	} Selectmen For Fitchburg
Joseph Walker	
Isaac Gibson	
Kendol Boutell	

Worcester: fs: In Obedience to the within warrant to me Directed I have warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the time & place of this meeting & for the purposos within mentioned

Nicholas Danforth Conftable

[142] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Affembled Sept^r 30th 1777 . . .

1^{ly} Voted & made Chose of Deacon Goodridge as Moderator

2^{ly} Voted the Reverend John Payson his Salury which is £66 13 4

3^{ly} Voted to make M^r Payson sum confideration for the Year Enfuing

4^{ly} Voted to reconfider the Last vote

5^{ly} Voted to raise Thirty pounds to Support the Schools the Year Enfuing 30 — —

6^{ly} Voted & chose David Parce Nicholas Danforth Abraham Farwell Daniel Farwell & Cap^t Cowdin a Committee to provide Schools the Year Enfuing

7^{ly} Voted to give Sam^l Parce £7-0-0 for giting M^r Payson Thirty Cord of Good Wood One whole Year begining the first of Decmb^r Next the Wood to be corded up at M^r Paysons house Acording to Law £7 — —

8^{ly} Voted to Raise Six pounds to Support Mifs Hart One whole Year the money to be paid to M^r Poole 6 — —

9^{ly} Voted to allow Cap^t Thomas Cowdin his ac^t which is 0 19 —

10^{ly} Voted to allow Cap^t Reuben Gibson his ac^t which is 2 8 3 p^d

11^{ly} Voted to allow Aseph Goodridge his ac^t which is 0 11 6

12^{ly} Voted to allow Cap^t Goodridge his ac^t which is 0 8 0

13^{ly} Voted to allow Solomon Steward his ac^t which is 1 16 0

14^{ly} Voted to allow Cap^t Jon^a Wood his ac^t in part which is 4 0 0

15^{ly} Voted to allow Cap^t Goodridge his Ac^t for Serving as Selectman & Affessor for the Year past . . . 1 0 0

16^{ly} Voted to allow Isaac Gibson his Ac^t for Serving as Selectman & Affessor the year past 1 0 0

17^{ly} Voted to allow Joseph Walker his Ac^t for Serving as Selectman & Affessor the Year Past 1 0 0

18^{ly} Voted to allow Phinehas Hartwell his Ac^t for Serving As Selectman & Affessor the Year past . . . 1 0 0

19^{ly} Voted to allow four of the Selectmen for shillings
Each for numbering the people Last winter which is — 16 0

20^{ly} Voted to Raise Thirty pounds to Defray Nefefary
charges 30 0 0

21^{ly} Voted to Raise twenty one pound Seven shillings
to pay for the Aminition provided by the Selectmen 21 7 0

22nd Voted to Raise Thirty five pounds two shillings
to pay for nine Guns purchafed by the Selectmen for y^e
Towns Use 35 2 0

23^{ly} Voted to sell the Nine Guns purchafed by the
Selectmen for the most they can be sold for . . .

24^{ly} Voted that the Selectmen Sell the Guns and be
accountable to the Town for what they sell them for and
to rent them out untill sold if wanted

[143] 25^{ly} Voted to raife Thirty pounds to purchafe
Aminition for the Towns Use £30 0 0

26^{ly} Voted not to act upon the 11th Article in the war-
rant

The meeting Difolved

David Goodridge Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester: fs: To Thomas Stearns one of the
Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg—Greeting

These are therefore in the Name of the Government
and People of the State of the Maffachusetts Bay to order
and Direct you forthwith to notify by Verbal warning the
freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg
Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to Affemble
at the Meeting house in Fitchburg on Munday the Seven-
teenth Day of this Instant November at one OClock in the
afternoon then & their being duly meet and formed to act
on the following articles (viz)

1^{ly} To Chufe a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see if the Town will take into Confideration
& Remonftrate to the General Court against a Late Act
made for putting large Sums of the Bills of Credit Emit-
ted by this State on Interest on the first Day of Decem-
ber next & prohibiting the Currency of any of the Bills
of the United States on Penalty of Five pounds &c And

Petition for a Redrefs of said agrievences or act any thing theiron as they shall think Propper

3^{ly} To see if the Town will take into Confideration a Late Act of the General Court for providing Necessaries for the Families of the non Commisfioned Offercers and Soldiers as have Engaged in the Continential Service for this Town and Act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

4^{ly} To see if the Town will agree with Mr Ezra Upton for a Certain two Rod road running from John Carters Land to the County Road or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

5^{ly} To see if the Town will abate any of the Rates in any of the Conftables Lists or act any thing Refering theirtho as think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doing theiron to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under Our hands & Seal at Fitchburg this Tenth Day of Nov^r & in the Year of Our Lord 1777—

N: B Sir you are to warn all the South side as heretofore—

David Goodridge	}	Selectmen of Fitchburgh
Phinehas Hartwell		
Joseph Walker		
Isaac Gibson		
Kendal Boutell		

[144] Worcester: fs Nov^r 14th 1777 . . .

In Obedience to this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the time & place of this meeting as Described in said warrant &c

Thomas Stearns Constable

(Seal) Worcester: fs: To Nicholas Danforth one of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting . . .

These are therefore in the Name of the Government and people of the State of the Massachusets Bay to order and Direct you forthwith to Notify by Verbal Warning the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to Affemble at the Meeting House in Fitchburg On Munday

the Seventeenth Day of this Instant November at one OClock in the afternoon then and their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1^{ly} To chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting . .

2^{ly} To see if the Town will take into Confideration & Remonstare to the General Court against a Late Act made for putting Large sums of the Bills of Credit Emitted by this State on Interest on the first Day of December next & prohibiting the Currency of any of the Bills of the United States on penalty of Five pounds &c. and pertition for a Redress of said agrevences or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

3^{ly} To see if the Town will take into Confideration a Late Act of the General Court for providing Necesaries for the families of the Non Commissioned Offercers & Soldiers as have Engaged in the Continental Service for this Town or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper . .

4^{ly} To see if the Town will agree with Mr Ezra Upton for a certain two rod road Running from John Carters Land to the County Road or act any thing theiron as they shall think Proper

5^{ly} To see if the Town will abate any of the Rates in any of the Conftables Lists or act any thing Refering their too as they shall think proper

Here of fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under our Hands & Seal at Fitchburg this Tenth Day of Nov^r And in the Year of Our Lord 1777

N: B	David Goodridge	{ Selectmen for Fitchburg
Sir you are to warn	Phinehas Hartwell	
all the North side	Joseph Walker	
as here tofore —	Isaac Gibson	
	Kendal Boutell	

[145] Worcester: fs: In Obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the time & place within Mentioned

Nicholas Danforth Conftable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Affembled Nov^r 17th 1777

1^{ly} Voted and Chose M^r Phinehas Hartwell Moderator

2^{ly} Voted to Act upon the second Article in the Warrant

3^{ly} Voted to Remonstrate to the Great and General Court for the Redrefs of the agravances mentioned in the Second Article in the Warrant and Lay it before the Town for consideration

4^{ly} Voted to Chuse five men as a committee

5^{ly} Voted and Chose M^r Phinchas Hartwell Maj^r Bridge Liev^t Abraham Gibson Cap^t Joseph Flint & Liev^t Kendal Boutell the Committee

6^{ly} Voted to pass Over the Third Article in the Warrant to certain time when this meeting shall be adjourned

7^{ly} Voted to chuse a Committee to Settle with M^r Ezra Upton with regard to the road Leading from John Carters Land to the County Road.

8^{ly} Voted to chuse three men for the Committee

9^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Phinehas Hartwell

10^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Isaac Gibson

11^{ly} Voted & chose Cap^t Joseph Flint

12^{ly} Voted that this meeting be adjourned to munday the 24th of this present Month at one OClock in the afternoon at this place.

Nov^r 24th 1777.

The Town meet according to adjournment

13^{ly} Voted to chuse a Committee as was mentioned in a Late act of Court to Surply the non Commiſſioned Offeers and Private Soldiers Engaged in the Continental Army with the Neceſſaries of Life as mentioned in said Act

14^{ly} Voted to Chuse three as a Committee

15^{ly} Voted & chose Deacon Thurſtin

16^{ly} Voted & chose Cap^t Jon^a Wood

17^{ly} Voted & chose Cap^t Reuben Gibson

} the
Committee

18^{ly} The Remonſtance Drew up by the Committee appointed to send to the General Court presented it to the Town and the Town Conſidered it and Voted to accept it and send it to the General Court

19^{ly} Voted that the Town Clerk Draw a Coppy of the Remonfance & send it to the General Court and Sign it in the Behalf of the Town

The meeting Difolved

Phinehas Hartwell Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[146] (Seal) Worcefter: fs: To Nicholas Danforth One of the Conftables for the Town of Fitchburgh—Greeting—

In the name of the Government and people of the Maffachufetts Bay you are hereby ordered to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of s^d Town Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to Affemble & meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Thursday the fifth Day of February next at One OClock in the afternoon then & their being Duly meet & formed to Act on the following articles (viz)

1^{ly} To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting . .

2^{ly} To take into confideration a Late Act of the General Court Enabling such Towns as incline to raise such sums of money for the purpose of Leffening their proportion of the publick Debt or any part or act any thing refering theretoo as they shall think proper when meet

3^{ly} To see if the town will take into Confideration, The confederation sent out by the Continential Congress to the Several States which is communicated to the Several Towns in this State by our General Court for their Approbation or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper when meet

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us at or before the time above mentioned Given under Our Hands & Seal at Fitchburg this Twenty third Day of January in the Year of Our Lord 1778 . . .

David Goodridge	} Selectmen For Fitchburg
Phinehas Hartwell	
Joseph Walker	
Isaac Gibson	
Kendal Boutell	

Worcester: fs In obedience to the within warrant I have notified all the freeholders & other Inhabitants Qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble and meet at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned

Nicholas Danforth Constable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Assembled February 5th 1778—

1^{ly} Voted & chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator

2^{ly} Voted not to raise any money as mentioned in the 2nd article in the warrant in order to Lessen our Publick Debt . . .

3^{ly} Voted to Concur with the Confederation sent out by the Congress of the United States

This meeting Difolved David Goodridge Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[147] (Seal) Worcester: fs: To Thomas Stearns one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting

These are therefore in the Name of the Government & people of the State Massachusetts Bay to order and direct you forth with to notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to Affembly at the meeting house in Fitchburg on munday the Second Day of March next at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon then & their being duly meet meet and formed to act on the following articles

1^{ly} To chuse a moderator to Govern Said meeting

2^{ly} To chuse Town offercers for the Year Ensuing as the Law directs

3^{ly} To provide for the poor and Endigent persons of said Town and in what way and manner as shall be thought most proper

4^{ly} To grant money for repairing the highways the prefont year or act any thing refering theretoo as they shall think proper . . .

5^{ly} To Accept of such roads as the Town shall think nefesary that are laid out by the Selectmen or their order

6^y To have all the Surveyors of Highways & highway Collectors for the Year past to make a return of their Collections and what is behind in their Lists to the Town the Day & time above mentioned for further orders as shall be thought most proper by y^e town

7^y To see if the swine may go at Large under the Regulation of the Law the Ensuing year

8^y To here the report of the Reckning with The Town Treafury for the Year past

9^y To see if the Town will allow Mr Pooles corner to have the school money, that they neglected schooling out Last year

10^y To see what method the South Militia Company under the command of Capt Jon^a Wood in said Town will take to raise that part of money which is yet Due. That the Selectmen & Committee of Said Town was impoured to borrow for the Use of Hireing Continental Soldiers which said Selectmen & committee are on behalf of said Company accountable for or act any thing refering theretoo as they shall think proper to Discharge said Town

11^y To see how the Town will dispose of the money which the Selectmen have rec^d for the provisions sent to the Soldiers at Concord fight or any thing refering there too

David Goodridge	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Phinehas Hartwell	
Joseph Walker	
Isaac Gibson	
Kendal Boutell	

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us at or before the day and time above mentioned Given under our hands and Seal at Fitchburg this ninth Day of february & in the Year of our Lord 1778 . . .

[148] Worcester: fs March 2nd 1778 . . .

In Obedience to this warrant I have Notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to Vote in Town meeting to meet at the meeting house in said Town on Munday the Second Day of March next at

Nine OClock in the morning in order to act on the articles mentioned in Said warrant &c

Thomas Stearns Conftable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Affembled March 2nd 1778 . . .

1^{ly} Voted & made Choife of Deacon David Goodridge Moderator

2^{ly} Voted & chose Deacod Goodridge 1st Selectman

3^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Phinehas Hartwell 2nd Selectman

4^{ly} Voted & chose Liev^t Abraham Gibson 3rd Selectman

5^{ly} Voted & chose Liev^t Elijah Carter 4th Selectman

6^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Thomas Hartwell 5th Selectman

7^{ly} Voted & chose Joseph Fox Town Clerk . . . Town Clerk

8^{ly} Voted & chose Joseph Fox Town Treafury . Town Treafury

9 ^{ly} Voted & chose M ^r Isaac Gibson	} Committy of Corrispondence inspection & Safty
10 ^{ly} Voted & Chose M ^r Joseph Walker	
11 ^{ly} Voted & chose M ^r Daniel Putnam	

12^{ly} Voted and chose M^r Afa Perry . . . Conftable for the South side

13^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Joseph Adams . . Conftable for the North side

14^{ly} Voted to Excuse M^r Afa Perry being Conftable for the south side this Year

15^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Jefse French . . . Conftable for south side

16^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Joseph Sawyer

17^{ly} Voted & chose M^r W^m Brown

18^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Nicholas Danforth

19^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee

20^{ly} Voted That the Selectmen be Affeffor . Affeffors

21^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Reuben Gibson Jun^r Cap^t Jon^a Wood M^r Sam^l Harrifs Jun^r M^r Oliver Stickney M^r Tho^s Stearns M^r Abraham Farwell M^r John Parks & M^r Jonathan Holt Surveyer of Highways & Collectors of the highway Taxes . . . Surveyer of Highways & Collector of highway Taxes

22^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Jofhua Parce & John Bufs . .
Dear Reves

23^{ly} Voted & Chose M^r John Bufs & Peter Nurs . .
Fire wards

24^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Elijah Macintire M^r Ebn^t Pol-
ley M^r Thomas Kimball & M^r Maximillion Jewett . . .
Hog Reves

25^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Solomon Steward . . Sur-
veyor of Shingles & Clabbords

[149] 26^{ly} Voted & chose Cap^t Jonathan Wood . .
Surveyor of hoops & Staves

27^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Jofhua Goodridge & M^r Amos
Ordeway Fence Vewers

28^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Kendal Bancroft . . . Sealer
of Lother

29^{ly} Voted & chose M^r David Parce . . . Sealer of
Weights & meafures

30^{ly} Voted that the Town of Fitchburg pay M^r James
Poole fifteen pounds to Board Mif^s Heart One whole
year and so in propotion provided She should not live
the year out £5 0 0

31^{ly} Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Munday
the ninth Day of this Instant March at nine OClock in
the forenoon at this place . . .

March 9th 1778

The Town meet according to adjournment & proceeded
upon Befinef

32^{ly} Voted that Each man that works upon the high
ways the Prefent year be allowed $1/4$ for Each hours
work upon the Spot

33^{ly} Voted that A pair Oxen Cart & Plow be as
much more in propotion as A man has by the hour more
than Ufeal for highway work

34^{ly} Voted to Raise One hundred & Fifty pounds to
mend the highways this prefent Year

35^{ly} Voted to Difcontinue a Certain road Laid out
by the Towns Committee March 27th 1777-, Through
M^r Charles Willards Land & Samuel Herricks till it comes
to Land of Phinehas Browns & then through A corner of
Phinehas Browns till it comes near Harts Seller Hole . .

36^{ly} Voted & Chose Mr Sam^l Gibson } Committee to
 Mr Lemuel Haskiel Mr Jon^s Brooks Mr Jo^s } lay out a rode
 Hart Mr Phinehas Brown Cap^t Joseph } from Sam^l Gib-
 Flint & Cap^t Reuben Gibson a committee } sons House to
 to Lay out a road from Mr Sam^l Gibson^s } the County
 House to the County Road . . . } Road

37^{ly} Voted that the Last Years Surveyers of highways see that the whole of their Rates be workt out by the Tenth of June next

38^{ly} Voted that the Swine Run at Large this Year under the Regulation of the Law

39^{ly} Voted to Except of the Town Treafury^s ac^t as they stand Setled with the Selectmen which is as follows viz—

They find in Liev ^t Silas Snows hands . .	£3	6	8	2
They find in Solomon Stewards hands . .	5	0	0	0
They find in Afa Perrys hands	13	15	3	0
They find in Phinehas Sawyer ^s Ju ^t hands	6	18	8	1
They find in Cap ^t Reuben Gibsons hands .	24	8	7	—
They find in Tho ^s Stearns ^s hands for the				
year 1776	15	5	1	1

[150] They find in Nicholas Danforthis hands	£122	16	2	0
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They find in Tho ^s Stearns ^s hands for the				
year 1777	118	4	11	0

They find in the Town Treafury ^s hand .	37	4	0	3
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They also find a note in the Town Treas-
 ury^s hand the Towns property signd by
 Francies Fullum Dated Decemb^r 31st 1772 on
 Interest contents of said note 2 2 0 3

40^{ly} Voted that the school money belonging to Mr Pools corner the last year be not allowed to them as it was not schooled out in the time perfixed

41^{ly} Voted to pafs over the Eleventh article in y^e war-
 rant

42^{ly} Voted to Reconfider the Last vote

43^{ly} Voted that all the money that was rec^d by the Selectmen for the Provisions that was carried to Our people at Concord fight, Excepting Two pounds Thirteen shillings & 4^d Be paid to The Reverend John Payson, which sum of two pounds Thirteen shillings & 4^d be paid to

Maj^r Ebn^r Bridge & Tho^s Cowdin Jun^r the full sum the
Selectmen Rec^d was £14-11-0 £11 17 8

the above paid
44^{ly} Voted a chose Afa Perry Constable for the south
side Constable
Fitchburg Febr^y 2nd 1778

A two rod road Laid out by the Selectmen begining at
a small hemlock tree near Kendoll Boutell^s house Runing
North till it comes to Land that Tho^s Cowdin sold to
Tho^s Hill and Land that said Cowdin sold to James Pat-
terson till it comes to Land now in Possession of said
Cowdin then make a turn till said Road comes to the
East line of said Cowdins Land then Runs on the East
Side of said Cowdins Land or as near as may be till said
road Strikes Hezekiah Hodgskins Land and the Land given
to the said Town of Fitchburg provided the town procures
a Road through said Hodgskins & Paul Wetherbee^s Land
and said Road Described by marked trees on the West
side of Said road

Tho^s Cowdin

Also a two Rod road laid out through a corner of
Hezekiah Hodgskins Land till it comes to Land ownd by
Paul Wetherbee Called the ridge so through said Wether-
bee^s Land till it comes to the Pitch of the Hill at the End
of the ridge then through a small corner of s^d Hodgskins^s
Land till it Strikes the Town Road

David Goodridge	} Selectmen For Fitchburgh
Isaac Gibson	
Joseph Walker	

The above Described Road Excepted by the Town &
the Land Given by Tho^s Cowdin Hezekiah Hodgskins &
Paul Wetherbee

[151] Fitchburgh Febr^y 6th 1778

*Laid out for, & requested by Edward Scott of the
Town of Fitchburgh, a two Rod road begining at a former
Road Laid out by the Courts committee for the Use of
said Farm which Leads to Lunenburg, first begining near

* Discontinued. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

a Certain Great Rock in said Scotts Land at the End of the above mentioned Road Runing up againft the Barn then turning up between the two Dwelling houses from thence going South through the Orchard to the Common Land and through the Common about 3 or 4 Score Rods to M^r Scotts New purchase Runing all on said Scotts Land to a former Road Runing from Ebn^r Thurftins Houfe to the Meeting house, treefe marked on the Eafterly side of said Road

Ifaac Gibson } Committee appointed
Phinehas Hartwell } By the Selectmen
Edward Scott } for the above purpofe

This road Excepted by the Town and the Land given by Edward Scott

This meeting adjorned by the Moderator to the Last munday of this preafent month at One O Clock in the afternoon at this place

March 30th 1778

The town meet according to adjornment and proceeded to befinfs

This is to Certify to the Town that we as a committee have Laid out a road from M^r Harts old Seller upon M^r Phinehas Browns & M^r Harts Line they being willing to give their Land then coming upon the line between M^r Herricks & M^r Harts they being willing to give their Land if M^r Herrick can have a Road from his houfe through M^r L. Macintires Land to the County Road without any charge to the Town for the Land of said Road then coming upon the Land of M^r Jacob Uptons to the County Road

Sam^l Gibson }
Lemuel Hafkiel } Committee
Joseph Hart }
Jonathan Brooks }
Phinehas Brown }
Joseph Flint }
Reuben Gibson }

The Town voted & Excepted the whole of the Roads as above Described if the Land is given

This meeting Difolved

David Goodridge Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[152] (Seal) Worcester: fs: To Joseph Adams one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg greeting these are therefore in the Name and Government & people of the Massachusetts Bay to order and direct you forthwith to Notify the Free holders & other Inhabetants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallifyed by Law to vote in Town meetings to Assemble at the meeting house in Fitchburg On the 30th Day of this Instant march at twelve of the Clock of s^d Day then & their being duly meet & formed to act on the following Articles (viz)

1^{ly} To chose a Moderator to Govern s^d meeting . . .

2^{ly} To see what method the Town will come into concerning repairing the great Bridge near the meeting house or act any thing Refering theirto as it has ben requested By a number of the Inhabitants of said Town

3^{ly} To see if the Town will take The Reverend M^r Payfsons request into Consideration or act any thing refering thereto as they shall think proper

4^{ly} To if the Town will take into consideration the State of the Continential Soldiers that Engaged for said Town & here their Request or act any thing thereto as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings therein to Sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under our hands & seal at Fitchburg this twelfth Day of this Instant march and in the Year of Our Lord 1778

David Goodridge	} Selectmen For Fitchburgh
Phinehas Hartwell	
Abraham Gibson	
Elijah Carter	
Thomas Hartwell	

Worcester: fs March 30th 1778

In obedience to the within written warrant I have notified & warned all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the time & Place as within Requested

Joseph Adams Constable for Fitchburgh

At a leagal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Affembled March 30th 1778 . . .

1^{ly} Voted & chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator

2^{ly} Voted to chuse a committee to take care of the great Bridge near the Senter of the Town & to keep it in good repair the present year

3 ^{ly} Voted to chuse three men for the Committee	} Committee to take care of the Bridge near the Sentr of the Town —
4 ^{ly} Voted & chose Joseph Adams Joseph Walker & Cap ^t Cowdin to be of the Committee	

5^{ly} It was put to vote to see if the Bridge should be covered with Oak plank which the Committee is to take care off. and it pased in the Affermative

6^{ly} Voted that William Brown be one of the Committee to take care of the Bridge near the Senter of the Town in the Rome of Joseph Walker

[153] 7^{ly} Voted that Deacon Thurstins Liev^t Boutell Cap^t Joseph Flint & M^r Joseph Walker be a Committee to carry the Subscribion paper or papers about to the Inhabitants of Said Town to subscribe sum of the Nefsfarys of Life or any thing they please to Subscribe for M^r Paysons support

8^{ly} Voted that this meeting be adjurned to the 13th Day of April next at One OClock in the afternoon at this place

David Goodridge moderator

April 13th 1778

The Town meet according to adjornment

9^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Phinehas Hartwell Moderator in the rome of Deacon Goodridge who was abfent . . .

The committee appointed by the Town to carry the Subscribion papers about to the Inhabitants of Fitchburg to Subscribe sum of the Nefsfarys of Life, for M^r Paysons support as a present to him, made their report to the Town and Presented it to him, which was kindly Ex-cepted by M^r Payson, and s^d he was well Satisfied with what the Town had dun, untill Sep^t next whis will be one year from the time the Subscribion paper was Dated

The meeting Difolved

Phinehas Hartwell moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester: Is: To Afa Perry one of the Constables for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—

These are in the Name of the Government & people of the State of the Massachusetts Bay To order and direct you forthwith for to Notify & Warn all the Voatable Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to Assemble and meet att the meeting house in said Town on munday y^e 13th of April next at One OClock in the afternoon of s^d Day then & their being Duly mett & formed to act on the following articles

1^y To chuse a Moderator to Govern Said meeting

2^y To see if the Town will Accept of the List of Juremen as fixed by the Selectmen, And make return of your doings to sum one of us on or before said Day Given under Our hands & Seal at Fitchburg this 30th of March 1778

David Goodridge } Selectmen
Abraham Gibson } For
Thos^s Hartwell } Fitchburg

Worcester Is In obedience to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants as within Directed

Fitchburg April 13th 1778 Afa Perry Constable

[154] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh Assembled April 13th 1778—

1^y Voted & Chose Liev^t Elijah Carter Moderator

2^y Voted to Except of the list of Juremen as fixed by the Selectmen

The meeting Difolved

Elijah Carter Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester: Is: To Afa Perry one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting These are in the name of the Government & people of the State of the Massachusetts Bay to order and direct you forthwith to

Notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the South Comp^y of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meeting, by Verble warning to Affemble at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Friday the Eight day of this Instant may at five OClock in the afternoon then and their being duly meet and Formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1^y To chose a moderator to Govern said meeting

2^y To see what method the town will dispose of the money that the General Court has allowed To the Town for Each man they shall Engage for the Continental Service for said Town agreable agreable to the resolve of s^d Court or act any thing refering theretoo as they shall think proper . . .

3^y To see if the Town will take any other method besides drafting or with Drafting as the case may require to raise men for the War & make a Just Estimation on what Each man has done in the present war from the begining of Said War and raise men for the future by a rate in said Town for any Detachment whatsoever or act any thing refering theretoo as they shall think proper . .

Here of Fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings therein to sum one of us at or before the time above mentioned Given under Our hands and Seal at Fitchburg this Eight Day of May before the time of meeting and in the Year of Our Lord 1778

Phinehas Hartwell	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Abraham Gibson	
Elijah Carter	
Tho ^s Hartwell	

Worcester: fs: In obedience to the within warrant I have verbally warned the Inhabitants of the South side of the Town to meet at place and time appointed

Afa Perry Conftable

Fitchburg may y^e 8th 1778

[155] (Seal) Worcester: fs: To Mr Joseph Adams One of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

These are in the Name of the Government and people of the State of the Massachusetts Bay to order and direct

you forthwith to Notify all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the North Company of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings by Verbal warning to Assemble at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Friday the Eighth Day of this Instant may at five of the Clock in the afternoon then and their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles

(viz) 1^{ly} To chose a moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see what method the Town will Dispose of the money that the Greart and General Court has allowed or Devoted to the Town for Each man they shall Engage for the Continental Service for said Town agreeable to the Refolve of said Court or act any thing refering thereto as they shall think proper

3^{ly} To see whether the Town will take any other method besides Drafting or with Drafting as the Case may require to raise men for the War and make a Just Eftimation on what Each man has done in the present war from the begining of said war. & raise men for the futer by a Rate in said Town for any Detachments whatfoever or act any thing Refering theretoo as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings therein to sum one of us at or before the time above mentioned Given under our hands & Seal at Fitchburg this Eight Day of may before the time of meeting and in the Year of our Lord 1778

Phinehas Hartwell	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Abraham Gibson	
Elijah Carter	
Tho ^s Hartwell	

Fitchburg may 1778

In obedience to the within warrant I have notified all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the time & place as within requested
Joseph Adams Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Assembled May 8th 1778 . . .

1^{ly} Voted & chose Maj^r Ebn^r Bridge moderator . . .

2^{ly} Voted that the four hundred Dollers allowed by the General Court to Raise four Continental Soldiers for this Town be paid to the four men that shall Engage . .

3^{ly} Voted that the Town Treafury give his note upon Interest to the four Soldiers that shall Engage in the Continental Service for a hundred Dollars Each to be paid by him or his Suefesor or hire the money for them upon the Towns Credit

4^{ly} A vote was put to see if the Town would Eftimate what has ben done the present War by companys to raise and pay their Coto of Continental men and it pased in the affirmative

[156] 5^{ly} A vote was put to see if the Eftimation should be Eaqual p^r month & it pased in the affirmative

6^{ly} Voted that the Offercers Selectmen & committee proceed to raise the Continental men according to the Eftimation by the month and according to Each mans Tax in the Town Rate

7^{ly} Voted that this meeting be Disolved

Ebn^r Bridge Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester: fs: To Joseph Adams one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg. You are in the Name of the Government & people of the State of the Maffachusetts Bay to require & Direct you to Notify all the freeholders & other Inhabitants that are free & twenty One Years of Age in the Town of Fitchburg to Affembly at the meeting house in Fitchburg On Fryday the twenty second day of this Instant May at two of the Clock in the afternoon then & their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1^{ly} To Chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting . .

2^{ly} To see whether the Town will Give there approbation or disapprobation on the Form of Government agreed upon by a Convention of said State February 28th 1778 to be Laid before the Several Towns in this State

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings therein to sum one of us at or before the

Day and time above mentioned Given under Our hands and Seal the Eight Day of this Instant may & in the Year of Our Lord 1778 . . .

Phinehas Hartwell	} Selectmen for Fitchburgh
Abraham Gibson	
Elijah Carter	
Thos. Hartwell	

Worcester: fs: May 22nd 1778—

In obedience to the within warrant I have notified and warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at time & place as within Required in s^d warrant

Joseph Adams Conftable for Fitchburg

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings Affembled May 22nd 1778

1^{ly} Voted & Chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator . . .

2nd The vote being put by the Moderator for the approbation of the Town or Disapprobation of the Form of Government or Constitution and the vote was as follows
For the Constitution 22 against the Constitution 4

This meeting Difolved

David Goodridge Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[157] (Seal) Worcester: fs To Joseph Adams one of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg . . Greeting—

These are therefore in the Name of the Government and people of the Maffachusetts Bay to order and direct you forthwith to Notify by Verbal warning all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in town meetings to Affemble at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Friday the twenty second Day of this instant may at six OClock in the afternoon then & their being duly meet & formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1^{ly} To chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting . .

2^{ly} To see if the Town will bring in their votes for sum Difcreet Sutable perfon having a freehold within said

County as the Law directs for a County Treafury to serve in said County . . .

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the time and hour above mentioned Given under Our hands and Seal this Twenty second Day of this Instant may & in the Year of Our Lord 1778 . . .

David Goodridge	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Abraham Gibson	
Elijah Carter	
Tho ^s . Hartwell	

Worcester: fs May 22nd 1778 . . .

In Obedience to the within warrant I have Notified and warnd the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg according to the Intents of s^d Warrant . . .

Joseph Adams Conftable for Fitchburg

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings Affsembled May 22nd 1778

1^{ly} Voted & chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator

2 The votes for a County Register being called for and brought in and seald up as directed

The meeting Disolved

David Goodridge Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester: fs To Afa Perry Conftable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . .

These are in the name of the Government and people of the State of the Maffachusetts Bay to order and Direct you forthwith to Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to Affsemble at the meeting house in Fitchburgh on munday the 24th of this instant August at One O Clock in the afternoon then and their being duly meet and formed to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1^{ly} To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

[158] 2^{ly} To see if the Town will Chuse a Conftable for the North Part of s^d Town to Supply the Place of Mr Joseph Adams Deceased

3^{ly} To see whether the Town will Confider the Widow Adams in regard, in regard to her Collecting the Continental Rate by Committing the List to any other Conftable or act any other way as they shall think proper

Here of fail not and make return of your doings to sum one of us on or before said Day given under our hands and Seal this 7th Day of August A: D: 1778 . . .

David Goodridge	} Selectmen For Fitchburgh
Phinehas Hartwell	
Abraham Gibson	

Worcester: fs: In Obedience to the within warrant I have notifyed the Inhabitants of Fitchburgh to meet at the time and place within Directed .

Afa Perry Conftable

Fitchburgh August 24th 1778

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh Affembled on the 24th of August 1778 . . .

1^{ly} Voted and Chose Deacon David Goodridge moderator to govern s^d meeting

2^{ly} Voted and Chose Daniel Putnam Conftable for the north side of s^d Town

3^{ly} Voted to accept of Mr Jonathan Holt in the Rome of Daniel Putnam for the Year 1778 to Serve as Conftable

4^{ly} The town voted that the Affessors shall take the Affesment that was Committed to Joseph Adams & Committ it to Jonathan Holt to Collect the Remainder of s^d Collection & pay s^d affesment by order of warrant to the Province Treafury

David Goodridge Moderator

A true Copy from the minutes

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[159] (Seale) Worcester fs To Afe Perry one of the Cunftabls for the Town of Fitchburgh Gretings . . . In the name of the Goverment and People of the mafsachufets

bay you are requird to warne all the free holders and other inhabtance of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualified by Law to Vote in towne metings to Afsemble and meet at the meeting House in fitchburgh on Tuefday the 13 day of octobr next at one o clock in the after noon then and their being Duely met and formd to act on the following artiels Viz

1^{ly} To Chufe a moderator to Govern said meeting . .

2^{ly} To Vote the Revrent M^r John Payson his Sallery for the year Enfuing and likewise to See if the Town will make aney addition to the Sallery for the year Infuing or act aney thing Refering there unto as they Shall think proper

3^{ly} to Raife money for the Schoole or Schools for the year Infuing

4^{ly} To Chufe a Committe to provide a Scool or Scools for the year Infuing

5^{ly} to See what method the Town will Come into to provide the Revrent m^r John Payson his wood . . .

6^{ly} to raise money to Suporte m^{rs} Hart the year infuing and other of the poor belongin to Town . . .

7^{ly} to have all perfons that hath Don Serves for the Town to bring in their accounts and raife money for the same

8^{ly} to Raife money to Defray Town and all other necefary Chares that are or Shall aife

9^{ly} to See if the Town will here the Request of m^r Joseph fox in Regard to his Serving as Town Treafurer and Town Cleark and act aney thing Refering there to as they shall think proper

10^{ly} to See if the Town will Hear the request of a number of the inhabitants in regard to Rasing a Bounty for those that Shall Kill Wile Cats or Bears in f^d town

11^{ly} to See if the town abate aney rates in aney of the old Cunftables Lifts

12^{ly} to See if the Town will appoint Sum Sutable perfon to Git the Towne a buering Cloathe and raife money for the Same

Here of faile not and make returne of this warrant to Sum one of us at or before the Day and time above

mentned—Given under our hands and Seale at fitchburgh
this twenty Eighth Day of Septemr and in the year Lord
1778

David Goodridge	} Select men for Fitchburg
Phinehas Hartwell	
Abraham Gibson	
Elijah Carter	

Worcester fs In obedience to the within warrent I have
notifyd the Inhabitents as within Directed

Fitchburgh octobr the 13 1778

Afe Perre Cunftabl

[160] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the
Town of Fitchburgh Afsembled octobr 13 1778 . . .

1^{ly} Voted and chose Decon David Goodridge moderator

2^{ly} Voted the Revrent John Payson his Salory which
is £66 13 4

3^{ly} Voted to raise £233 = 6 = 8 and allow m^r Payson
in aditon his Sallary for the present Year . . . 233 6 8

4^{ly} Voted to Raife two hundred pounds to hire Scool
master or masters or mistrefes

5^{ly} Voted to chuse Cap^t William Thurlo one of of the
Committe to provide Scool mafter or masters & Thos
Stearns oliver Stickne m^r Joseph Walker m^r William
Brown Scool Commite

6^{ly} Voted that Each Quarter Receive their proportion
of the money Raised for the Scool as ufal

7^{ly} Voted that the Lowest bidder Shall Git m^r Pay-
son wood which is 30 Coard at the price he Shall bid it
off at

8^{ly} Voted to Give Will^m Small Thirty foure pounds
for Giting mr Payson Thirty Cords of Good wood one
whole year beginng the first Day of Decmbr next the
wood to be Coarded up at mr Paysons house acording
to Law £34 0 0 pd 1778

9^{ly} Voted to Rais fifteen pounds to Suport m^{rs} Hart
to be paid to m^r James Poole as was voted Last march
meeting provided She Should Live the year out £15 0 0

10^{ly} Voted to allow majr Ebn^r Bridge his a Count £2 2 0

- 11^{ly} Voted to allow Joseph Sawyer his account which is 1 10 0
- 12^{ly} Voted to allow Dr Thadues maccarty his account which is 2 0 0
- 13^{ly} Votted to allow m^r Phinehas Hartwell his a Count which is 11 10 0
- 14^{ly} Voted to allow Leu^t Kindall Boutall his a Count which is 4 10 0
- 15^{ly} Voted to m^r Ifaac Gibson his a Count which is 4 0 0
- 16^{ly} Voted to allow Liut abraham Gibson his a Count which is 7 10 0
- 17^{ly} Voted to allow Liut Elijah Carter his account which is 6 0 0
- [161] 18^{ly} Voted to allow m^r Joseph Walker his account which is £10 1 0
- 19^{ly} Voted to allow Decon David Goodridge his account which is 10 10 0
- 20^{ly} Voted to allow m^r Eph^m Kimball his account which is 5 8 0
- 21^{ly} Voted to allow the Selectmens account which is £218 16 0
- 22^{ly} Voted to Raise foure hundred pounds to Defray necesery Chargis 400 0 0
- 23^{ly} Voted that this meeting be adgurnd to Cap^t Cowdins East Rume forth with
- 24^{ly} Voted to dismiſs Joseph Fox for serving as Town Clerk & Town Treafurer for this preſent Year
- 25^{ly} Voted and Choofe Cap^t Tho^s Cowdin Town Clerk, in the room of Joseph Fox diſmiſſed
- 26^{ly} Voted & choofe Cap^t Tho^s Cowdin Town Treafurer in the room of Joseph Fox diſmiſſed
- 27^{ly} Voted that the Town Treafurer provide a Book to keep an Account of the Orders given out, and Likewise when pay,d out
- 28^{ly} Voted to abate Sam^l Harris,s rates in Tho^s Stearn,s Lists viz for the Years 1776 & 1777 both Years being £2 13 8 1
- 29^{ly} Voted that the Town shall have a Burying Cloth or Cloths

30^{ly} Voted that Cap^t W^m Thurlo provide Two Burying Cloths for the Town . . .

This Meeting Difsolved

David Goodridge Moderator

A True Coppe from the minets

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester Is To Jonathan Holt one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburgh Greting These are therefore in the name of the Goverment and people of the mafsachusetts bay to order and Direct you forthwith to notify all the free holders and other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburgh Qualifyd by law to vote in Town meeting to afsemble at the meeting house in fitchburgh on tuesday the tenth Day of Nov^r next at one of the Clock in the afternoon then & their being duely meet & formd to act on the following articles viz

1 to Chufe a moderator to Govern s^d meeting . . .

2^{ly} to See if the Town will take into Confideration the Revrant m^r Paysons further request in regard to his Support in the Gospel miniftrey or act aney thing referring there to as they shall think proper

[162] 3^{ly} to See if the Town will axcept of and abid the Judgment and Determination of the arbitrators appointed by the towne of Fitchburgh on one parte and m^r Ezra upton the other part which they have and do award and order to be paid to m^r Ezra upton for a Certain two rod road laid out by the Town of fitchburgh through s^d uptons Land as damiges as will appear by s^d award, or act aney thing refferng there to as they Shall think proper

4^{ly} to See if the Town will approve of the afsefsors making up the Town rate before we receive the provanc Tax bill or act aney thing there on as Shall be thought proper

5^{ly} to have all those Cunstables that have rates to be a bated to apear that Cant be Collected on their Lifts

6^{ly} to See if the Town will vote to have all the orders that are Given by the Select men or Scool Committes brot in at Some Set time

Here of faile not and make return of this warrent with your dowings there on to some one of us at or before the day & time a bove mentned Given under our hands and Seal at Fitchburgh this twenty Second day of this Instant octobr and in the year of our Lord 1778

David Goodridge	}	Select men
Phinehas Hartwell		For
Elijah Carter		Fitchburgh

Worcester fs Fitchburgh Novembr the 10 1778

In obediance to the within warrant I have warnd all the free holders & other inhabitants to meet at time and place within in mentned

Jonathan Holt Cunfable

at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh afsembled Nov^r the 10 1778

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1^{ly} Chose Decon Goodridge moderator . . .

2^{ly} Voted to ad to mr John Paysons Salory Eighty pounds that is to the Three Hundred alredy Granted total £380-0-0 pd

3^{ly} Voted and axepted of the award of the arbetrators and Coft of m^r Ezra uptons Land taken by the Town for a road the award baring Date octobr the 13 1778 . . .

[163] 4^{ly} Voted to make up the Town & County tax with out the provance Tax bill

5^{ly} Voted to take the Invoice from the first of novembr Instant on the personall Estates

6^{ly} Voted that all the orders that have bin Given by the Select men and town Committes Shall be brot in by the first of march next

This meeting Difolvd

David Goodridge moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester fs. To Afa Perry one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting . . .

- 4 by Order to make up the Town & County tax with out the provance
Face bill
- 5 by Order to take the Invoice from the first of November past
on the personall Estates
- 6 by Order that all the orders that have bin given by the select
men and town Committee shall be brot ~~sent~~ in by the first
of march next

This meeting Disposed David Goodridge moderator
Thos Gordon Town Clerk

Worcester Jr. To Isaac Perry one of the Constables of the
Town of Fitchburg Greeting

These are therefore in the Name of the Government and People
of the State of the Massachusetts- that we order & direct you
forthwith to notify all the Freeholders & other Inhabitant of
the Town of Fitchburg qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings
to assemble at the Meeting house in Fitchburg on Monday the
first Day of March next at 8 o'clock in the forenoon
then and there being duly met & sworn to act on the following
Articles viz -

- 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
- 2^d To choose Selectmen & other Town Officers as the Law directs for
the ensuing Year
- 3^d To see what Method is provided for any poor or indigent Persons
in said Town or all any thing referring thereto as they shall think
proper
- 4th To Receipt of any Roads that is laid out by the Selectmen or
their order that shall be thought necessary; or by the Towns
Committee
- 5th To see what Sums or Sums of Money shall be thought proper to
raise to mend the Highways & keep them in good Repair the present
Year or all any thing referring thereto as shall be thought proper
- 6th To see if the Town will discontinue any Road or Road which shall
be laid before them for their Consideration
- 7th To see if the Town will come into any other Method to collect the
Highway Taxes, separate from choosing the Surveyors, Collectors
- 8th To see if the Town will vote the Services to run at large this
present Year under the Regulation of the Law, or vote any thing
referring thereto as they shall think proper

None of said act and make due return of this Warrant to some one
of us at or before the above mentioned Day & Time - Given under
our Hands & Seals this Eighth Day of February David Goodridge Selectmen
Thos Gordon
Isaac Perry
Fitchburg

RS 1779

These are therefore in the Name of the Government and People of the State of the Malsachusetts-Bay to order & direct you forthwith to notify all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble at the Meeting-house in Fitchburg on Monday the first Day of March next at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon then and there being duely met & form,d to act on the following Articles viz—

1st To choose a Moderator to Govern said Meeting—

2^{ly} To choose Selectmen & other Town Officers as the Law directs for the enfueing Year

3^{dly} To see what Method to provide for any poor or indigent Persons in said Town or act any thing referring thereto as they shall think proper—

4^{thly} To Accept of any Roads that is laid out by the Selectmen or their order that shall be thought neccessary; or by the Town,s Committee—

5th To See what Sum or Sums of Money shall be thought proper to raise to mend the Highways & keep them in good Repair the present year or act any thing referring thereto as shall be thought proper—

6^{ly} To see if the Town will discontinue any Road or Roads which shall be laid before them for their Consideration—

7^{ly} To see if the Town will come into any other Method to collect the Highway Taxes, seperate from choofing the Surveyors, Collectors—

8^{ly} To See if the Town will vote the Swine to run at large this present year under the Regulation of the Law, or vote any other thing referring thereto as they shall think proper—

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant to some one of us at or before the above mentioned Day & time—Given under our Hands & Seals this Eighth Day of February A D 1779

David Goodridge	}	Selectmen for Fitchburg
Phinehas Hartwell		
Abraham Gibson		
Elijah Carter		
Tho ^s Hartwell		

[164] Worcester fs. In Obedience to the within War-
rant, I have Notified the Inhabitants as within directed
Afa Perry Constable

Fitchburg March 1st 1779

Aat a Legal meeting of the free holders and other In-
habitents of the Town of Fitchburgh afsembled march
the 1 1779

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

- 1^{ly} Votted and Chose Decon David Goodridge mod-
erator Moderator
2^{ly} Voted and Chose Decon David Goodridge Phine-
has Hartwell & Elijah Carter Select men
3^{ly} Votted to Chufe Sefsors to make all Rates and
Grant Warrents to Collect the same Sefsors
4^{ly} Voted and Chose Dr Thadase maccarty Daniel
Putnam & oliver Stickne Sefsors
5^{ly} Votted and Chose Thos Cowdin Town Clerk &
Town Treadurer Town Clerk
6^{ly} Votted and Chose Cap^t Jonathan Wood Thos
Stearns & Jofeph Phelps Committe of Infpection
7^{ly} Votted and Chose Jefse French Cunstable for the
South Side of the Town of fitchburgh & Elijah Gafield
for the north parte of the Town Cunstable
8^{ly} Votted and Chose Levi Kimball and James Pater-
fon Wardens
9^{ly} Votted & Chose William Small & Cap^t Ruben
Gibson Tyethen men
10^{ly} Votted and Chose Samuel Parce & Paul Wetherby
& Jacob Upton & Jofeph Wheler & William Grimes Ebne-
zer Bridge & Thos Cowdin Ju^r & hezekiah Hodg-
kins Survares of high Ways
11^{ly} Votted and Chose Jonathan Holt & Daniel Put-
nam Deere Reves
12^{ly} Votted and Chose Jofeph Phelps & Samuel
Small fier Wards
13^{ly} Votted and Chose Nichlos Danforth Ebenezer
Polley & Jofeph Polley & John Goodridge & Abraham
Gibson Ju^r & Samuel Harris hog Reves

14^{ly} Votted and Chose Capt Jonathan Wood . . Sur
vare of hoops and Staves

15^{ly} Votted and Chose Soloman Steward . . Survare
of Clabords & Shingels

[165] 16^{ly} Votted and Chose John Putnam and Afa
Perrey fier wards

17^{ly} Votted and Chose Kindall Bancroft . . Seler of
Lether

18^{ly} Votted and Chose David Parce Sellether of Waits
and mesfers Seler of Waits & mesfers

19^{ly} Votted to allow and pay Capt Ruben Gibson
Seventy pounds to Suport m^{rs} Hart one whole year and
So in proportion if She Should not Live the year out 70-0-0

20^{ly} Votted and Raifed one hundred & fifty pounds to
mend the high ways the year Infuing 150 - -

21^{ly} Votted to allow one Shiling and foure pence pr
ouer and for Cart and oxen and other Tools as Last year

22^{ly} Votted to Discontinue the Roade from m^r Abel
Baldwines house which s^d Baldwine bought of m^r John
Bufs til it Coms to the East Line of s^d Baldwines Land
he the Said Abel Baldwin paying The Town Treasurer of
the Town of Fitchburgh Twenty pounds as a Reward for
s^d Land 20 - -

23^{ly} Votted to Discontinue the Road from m^r Walkers
Gate So Called up towards Henery Lelands house til it
coms to the Road Leding from s^d Lelands house towards
Samuel Parces house and that it be onley a Bridel Roade

24^{ly} Votted the high way Survares be not Colecters
but the Lifts be Committed to the Cunftables to Colect
provided the person or perfons Dont work out their high
way Taxes acording to the high way Survares order . .

25^{ly} Votted that the high way Survares work out
their high way Rates by the first of Novembr next

26^{ly} Votted that the Swine Run at Large being Yoked
and Ringed as the Law Directs

[166] 27^{ly} Votted and axcepted of James Paterfon
to Serve Cunftable in Jefse French Roon for the South
Side of the Town & also to Serve Cunftable in the Rume
of Elijah Gafield for the north Side of s^d Town

Further more The oficers Chosen into Town ofices
apeard and Tuck the oths Requird by Law . . .

The meeting Difolvd

David Goodridge moderation
Tho^s Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worcefter fs To James Paterfon Cunstable for
the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

These are Therfor in the name of the Goverment and
people of the State of the mafsachufets bay to order and
direct you forthwith to notify the free holders & other in-
habitents of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualifyd by law to
vote in Town meetings to afsemble at the meeting house
in fitchburgh on fryday the ninth day of april next at one
O Clock in the after noon then and their being duely meet
and formd to act on the following arteles viz

1 to Chufe a moderator to Govern s^d meeting

2^{ly} to take into Confideration a Request of a number
of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh in regarde
to a fine being Laid on the Town by the Generall Coarte
for reafons not none not known with which the requestors
think it highly reafonable to know as a Town or act aney
thing their on as they Shall think proper

3^{ly} to See whather method the Town will Secure the
Scool land formerly belonging to Lunenburg that was Sett
off to Fitchburgh with their other properties from aney
incroachments from aney perfon or perfons what ever either
out of Town or in Town or act aney thing refering their-
to as Shall be thought proper

4^{ly} to See if the Town will make aney addition of
aney Sum or Sumes as a Town to add to the General
Court tax bill thats Sent out to s^d Towns a Greable to
the Courts order or act aney thing refering there to as
they Shall think proper

[167] Here of faile not and make returne of this
warrant with your Dowings their in to Some one of us
at or before the day and time a bove mentined

Given under our hands and Seale at Fitchburgh this
Twenty Sixth day of this inftent march & in the year of
our Lord 1779

David Goodridge	{	Select meen
Phinehas Hartwell		For
Elijah Carter		Fitchburgh

Fitchburgh april the 9 1779 Worcesfester fs in obediance of this warrant I have notiyd the free holders and other Inhabitents of this Town to meet at the meeting house at one O Clock this Instent day

James Paterfon Cunstable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh afsembled april the 9 1779

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1^{ly} Voted and Chose Decon Goodridge moderator . .

2^{ly} Voted to ajoyrn the Second artele in the warrant til may meeting

3^{ly} Voted Chuse a Committe to Go & Search the records in Lunenburgh town book to See if their was aney agrement between the Town of Lunenburgh & the Town of Fitchburgh Respecting mineftereal & Scool lands

4^{ly} Voted and Chose Capt Tho^s Cowdin & Capt Ruben Gibson & Capt Jonathan Wood be a Committe to Search the Town book of Lunenburg Respecting publick lands & also the proprietors book respecting the publick Lands laid out for a Scool & minefteral lands or to be laid out . . .

5^{ly} Voted to ajurn the third artele in the warrant til may meeting and then Report to the Town what the Committe may find one the Town book belongin to Lunenburgh

6^{ly} Voted pafs over the forth arete . . .

7^{ly} Voted to ajurn this meeting til may meeting
aCordingly ajurnd

David Goodridge moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[168] (Seale) Worcesfester fs To James Paterfon Cunstable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . .

These are in the name of the Government and people of the masachusets bay to will and Require you forthwith to notify all the free holders and other inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh qualiyd by law to vote in Town meetings to afsemble at the meeting house in Fitchburgh on Thursday the twentyeth day of this instent may at two

of the Clock in the after noon then and their being Duely meet & formd to act on the folowing arteles viz

1 to Chuse a moderator to Govern s^d meeting . . .

2^{ly} See whether the inhabitents of this Town Chuse at this time to have a new Constetition or form of Government made . . .

3^{ly} whether they impower their represtentives for the next to vote for the Calling a State Convention for the Sole purpos of forming a new Constitution provided it Should appear to them on Examination that the first Queston a bove mentioned be answerd in the affirmative

4^{ly} to See if the inhabitenes will make further provision for Keeping the high ways in better repare in making an aditional Grant to what has ben all redy Grantd for that purpose or act aney thing Refering there to as they Shall think proper for the present year

Here of faile not and make Return of this warrant to some one of us at or before the Day and time a bove mentned . . .

Given under our hands & Seale at Fitchburgh this fifth Day of may in the year of our Lord 1779

David Goodridge	} Select men for Fitchburgh
Phinehas Hartwell	
Elijah Carter	

Fitchburgh May the 19 1779

agreable to the Directions of the within written warrant I have Notifyd the free holders & other Inhabitents of Fitchburgh to meet at the time and place appointed

James Paterfon Cunstable

At a Legal meeting of the inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh assembled may the 20 1779

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[169] 1^{ly} Votted and Chose Decon Goodridge moderator

2^{ly} Voted to have a new forme of Government at this Time The number present unanemos that is forty five .

3^{ly} and it was the oppinon of this town that if the first Queston on Examination be answerd in the State, in

the affarmetive to Comply with the Representitives to
Chuse a States Convention for that purpose

4^{ly} Voted to act on the artcle of the high ways . . .

5^{ly} Voted and Raifed foure hundred & fifty pounds in
addition to what was al Redy raised at Laft march . .

6^{ly} Voted that thofe Work out their part of the money
be alowed five Shilings Shilings & foure pene for Evrey
ower on the Spote, oxen & Cart in proportion and other
metireals in proportion

also that the Lift or Lifts fhall be Committed to the
high wane Survares Chofe at march Laft—and they are
herby orderd to See that the money be workt out or the
Lift Committed to the Cunftable to Collet—provided the
perfon or perfons Refufe or neglect to work

The meeting—upon the ajurnment

David Goodridge moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

may the 20 1779 upon the ajurnment the Town meet
and Voted & Gave the Committe Chofe the 9 of april 1779
full power to Setle with the Town of Lunenburgh or their
Committe or to Commence and bring on an action against
The Town of Lunenburgh provided the f^d Town or
Commte Refufe to alow the Town of Fitchburgh or their
Committe their parts of the publick Lands, the Committe
Chofe by the Town of Fitchburgh on april the 9 1779
was Cap^t Thos Cowdin Cap^t Ruben Gibson & Cap^t Jona-
than Wood. Then the meeting Difolved

Decon Goodridge moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) [170] June 29 1779

Worefter fs To James Paterfon Conftable for the Town
of Fitchburgh Greeting

Thefe are Therefor in the name of the Goverment and
people of the State of the mafsachusetts bay to order &
directe you fourth with to notify the free holders and other
inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualified by Law
to vote in Town meeting by verbal notice to afsemble at
the meeting house in Fitchburgh on Tufeday the twenty

ninth day of this instant June at one of the Clock in the after noone then & their being ducly meet and formd to act on the following articles—(viz)

1^{ly} to Chuse a moderator to Govern s^d meeting . . .

2^{ly} to See what method the Town will Come into in Regard to Raifing foure Contenantal men to Joyn the Contenantel armye and two men to go to Rhodeifland a Cording to the General Courts orders or act aney thing there on as they shall think proper as a Towne

3^{ly} to See if the Towne will Call the old melitia officers to an aCounte for the fines they have taken of the Inhabitents by drafting and how they have Disposed of them that a Good Regulation may be formd for the futter or act aney thing refering there to as they Shall Think proper

Here of mak Return of this warrente with your Doings there in to Some one of us at or before the Day and time above mentned Given under oure hands and Seale at Fitchburgh this Twenty Eight day of this instant June and in the yeare of our Lord 1779 . . .

David Goodridge	} Select men for Fitchburgh
Phinehas Hartwell	
Elijah Carter	

Worcester fs

agreeable to the within warant I have notified & Warned the freeholders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualifyd to Vote in towne meetings to meet at the time and place within mentiond

Fitchburgh June 29 1779

James Paterfon Cunftable

[171] Aat a Legall meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh afsembled June the 29 1779

Tho^s Cowdin Town Clerk

1^{ly} Voted and Chose Decon Goodridge moderator . .

2^{ly} after the orders from the Generall Court being reed then proceded and Voted to Raise the foure men for the Contenantel Serves for nine months by a Rate or Tax by the Towne—and also the two men for Roadifland by a Tax Laid on s^d Town, Estimating what Each man hath dun by the month here to fore at an Equel price

3^{ly} Voted to Chuse a Committe to Raife the Contenantel men and also the two men for Roadifland . . .

4^{ly} Voted an Chose Tho^s Cowdin & Colo Ebenezer Bridge & Cap^t Will^m Thurlo & Cap^t Jonathan Wood & Dr maccarte be a Committe to hier the 4 Contenantel men for nine months at as Chepe a rate as pofable Cane be Dun & also two men as molifha men to Do Dutey at Roadifiland acording to General Courts order

5^{ly} Voted to call the old molifha officers to an a Count to now what they have Dun or how they have Difpofed of the fines they have taken taken of the Inhabitents . .

6^{ly} Voted the the a Counts the old molifha officers hath Rendred be full Satisfaction to the Town

This meeting Difolvd

David Goodridge moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[172] (Seal) Worcester fs. To James Patterson Constable for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—

These are therefore in the Name of the Government & People of the State of Mafsachusetts Bay, to order and direct you forthwith to Notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings, to asemble at the Meeting-House in Fitchburg on Monday the second Day of August next at One of the Clock in the Afternoon, then and there being duely met & form,d to Act on the following Articles; You are further directed to notify every Freeman, inhabitant of s^d Town, who is twenty one Years of Age to vote on the second Article in s^d Warrant—

1st To choose a Moderator to govern s^d Meeting

2^d To see if the Town will elect one or more Delegates to represent them in a Convention, for the sole purpose of framing a new Constitution, and form of Government, for the State of Mafsachusetts Bay to meet at Cambridge in the County of Middlesex, on the first Day of September next, and give s^d Delegate such Instructions as they shall think proper

3^{dly} To see if the Town will comply, with the Meafures that the late Convention, conven,d at Concord, on

the fourteenth Day of July, or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper—

4^{thly} To see if the Town will send a Delegate to join a County Convention to be held at Worcester, on the first Tuesday of August next, for the purpose of regulating Prices, on the Artiles of Life and manufactures—

5^{ly} To see what Method the Town will come into with regard to the War what has been done already, and what Measures they will take for further supporting the War, as a Town, or act any thing referring thereto as they shall think proper—

6^{ly} To see if the Town will raise any Sum of Sums of Money to hire the Six Soldiers into the service to Rhode Island and Continental, or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper— Hereof fail not and make a return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to some one of us, at or before the Day and time above mentioned, Given under our hand and Seal at Fitchburg this Nineteenth Day of July and in the Year of our Lord 1779

David Goodridge	} Select men for Fitchburg
Phinehas Hartwell	
Elijah Carter	

[173] Worcester fs

Agreable to the within Warrant I have notified & warn,d all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants, therein specified, of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the time & place within mention,d

James Patterson, Constable

Fitchburg Aug^t 2. 1779

Fitchburg Aug^t 2^d 1779—

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Assembled August 2^d 1779—

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1 Voted & chose Deacon David Goodridge Moderator—

2^{ly} Voted to send a Delegate to join the Convention in Cambridge—

3^{ly} Voted & chose Tho^s Cowdin to meet the Convention at Cambridge the first Day of September next—

4^{ly} Voted to comply with the Refolves of the late Convention held at Concord the 14th Day of July last, unanimously—

5^{ly} Voted to send a Delegate to meet the Convention at Worcester the 3^d Day of this Inst^t August—

6^{ly} Voted & chose Dr^r Thad^s Maccarty to attend the Convention at Worcester the 3^d Day of this Inst^t August—

7^{ly} Voted that the Vote respecting the Men & estimating the Months be brought to an Average as was voted last Town Meeting—

8^{ly} Voted to choose a Committee to estimate the Months & bring them to an Average—

9^{ly} Voted that Tho^s Hartwell, Deacon Thurston, Col. Bridge Tho^s Stearns & Cap^t Thurlo be a Committee to estimate the Months & bring them to an Average—

10 Voted to adjourn, till the 20th Day of Aug^t next—the Meeting accordingly adjourn,d, till 20th Day of Aug^t next at One O clock

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

August 20, 1779. The Town met according to Adjournment

11^{ly} Voted to accept of the Report of the Committee, respecting estimating the Service done in the War since the present War commenc,d—

[174] 12 Voted to choose a Committee to examine the Credit of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, respecting the present War, and to see what Men are behind in respect to their Proportion, and where they appear not to have done their proportion, to make it up in Money without delay—

13^{ly} Voted that the Afsefsors be a Committee to Examine the Credits and that, Two Men be join,d with them therein—

Voted & choose Tho^s Stearns & Eph^m Kimball Jun^r—

14^{ly} Voted that Every Person bring a Certificate from his Officers or the Selectmen, as to what Service he hath done or not be allow,d for his Service, and that they

bring in the Certificates by the 20th Day of September next—

15^{ly} Voted to accept of the Proceedings of the Convention at Worcester—

16^{ly} Voted to make an Addition to the Committee & that four Men be added viz Deacon Thurston, M^r Walker, M^r Boutell & M^r Jacob Upton—

Voted the Meeting to be adjourn,d, till the 27th Day of Sep^r next at One O clock in the Afternoon—

The Meeting Adjourned accordingly

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

According to Adjournment met and the Meeting opened on the 27th Day of September 1779—

17th Voted that the Committee proceed immediately to state the more minute Articles not stated at Worcester, and see that they be put in Execution—

18^{ly} Voted to accept of the Report of the Committee chose to estimate the War as will appear by the List sign,d by s^d Committee

19 Voted that the Town Treasurer receive the Money that was estimated by the Committee and give his Receipt for the same

20 Voted that the Meeting be adjourn,d to the first Monday in Nov^r next at One O clock in the Afternoon, to see if those Persons who are found by the Committee to be delinquent will pay the Sums annexed to each Persons name

Thos Cowdin Tⁿ Clerk

meeting adjourn,d accordingly

[175] Nov^r 1 1779—

The Town being met and the Meeting opened according to Adjournment.

21^l Voted and accepted of the Estimation as it stands on the Estimation paper, rectifying all Mistakes that appear to have been made, from the Certificates that may be bro^t to the Committee

22 Voted that it be recommitted to the same Committee for Amendment

23^d Voted that all the Men that have paid Money either by Draught or to Co^l Bridge, be allow,d to every Person as his part at Fifteen Pounds per Month and that their Credit be enter,d upon the Estimation Paper—

24 Voted that the Town choose a Committee to hire all the Men that may be called for, for the future untill further Orders—

25 Voted to choose Five as a Committee to hire the Men to do Duty in the present War for the future & Tho^s Cowdin Afa Perry, John Putnam & Kendall Boutell, & Jacob Upton were choose for this purpose—

26 Voted to raise Seventeen Hundred & forty Pounds to pay the Money that the Selectmen hir,d to pay the four Continental and also the Two Rhode Ifland Men, as Soldiers in that Service— £1740^{pd}

Voted that the Town Meeting be adjourn,d to Monday the 22^d of this Instant Novemb^r at One O clock After noon

The Meeting is adjourned accordingly

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Nov^r 22nd 1779

The Town meet according to adjournment and the meeting opened—

27 Voted to chuse a Committee to see what money Col^o Bridge has rec^d off the delinquent perfons upon the Eftimation paper

28 Voted and Chose Doc^t Mc Carty to be the Committee

29 Voted and Chose Doc^t Mc Carty to receive the money of the Delinquents upon the Eftimation paper in the rome of the Town Treasurer and give Credit to thofe perfons that shall pay and make report to the next town meeting

30 Voted that this meeting be difolved

The meeting Difolved according

David Goodridge Moderator

A true copy of the Votes attest Joseph Fox

by order of the Town Clerk

[176] (Seal) Worcester fs. To James Patterson Constable for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—these are

therefore in the Name of the Government & People of the state of the Massachusetts Bay to order & direct you forthwith to Notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by Law to vote in Town Meetings, to assemble at the Meeting house in Fitchburg on Monday the Twentyseventh Day of this Inst^d September at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon, then & there being duely met & form,d to Act on the following Articles viz—

1 To Choofe a Moderator to govern s^d Meeting—

2 see what method the Town will come into to support the Rev^d M^r Payson the Year ensuing, or act any thing referring thereto as they shall think proper—

3^dy Raise Money to support the poor & indigent Persons in Town if need—

4^y Raise Money to supply the Treafury & pay Town charges—

5^y To have all persons that have done service for the Town, bring in their Accounts, for Acceptance, raise Money to pay the same—

6^y To see in what Method the Town will provide the Rev^d M^r Paysons Wood for the Year insuing—

7^y To see what Method the Town will provide Schooling & raise Money for the support of the same, or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper—

8^y To see if the Town will send a Man to join the Convention at Concord the Sixth Day of October next, or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper—Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon, to some one of us at or before the Day & time abovementioned,—Given under our hands & Seal this Seventh Day of this Instant September and in the Year of our Lord 1779

David Goodridge	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Phinehas Hartwell	
Elijah Carter	

Worcester fs In Obedience to the within written Warrant I have Notified the Freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at the Time and Place above mentioned

James Patterson Constable

Fitchburg Sep^r 27. 1779—

[177] At a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the
Town of Fitchburgh asembled Septembr the 27 1779
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1^{ly} voted and Chose Decon David Goodridge moderator
2^{ly} voted and Chose Kindall Boutall & phinehas Hart-
well & Joseph Walker be a Committee to Waite upon m^r
Payson in order to now his mind Respecting his Salarey
the year Infuing

3^{ly} vted to Raise Seventy pounds to pay
Capt Ruben Gibson for m^{rs} Harts Suporte
in proportion for a whole yeare £70 00 0

4^{ly} voted to Raife Two hundred pounds that
was not aised Last year which was Raifed
for to Suporte the Scoll the year past . . 200 00 0

5^{ly} voted to Rafe Sixty pownds as a bounty
for Two Rohadiland men 60 00 0

6^{ly} voted to Raise five pounds Six Shilings
Eight pene to pay the County tax for the
year 1777 and that the Town Treafurer
pay the above Sum to the County Treaf-
urer and tak his Recept 5 6 8

7^{ly} vted and raised Seventy Eight pounds
Eight Shilings which was taken out of
the Treafure to pay the Solders ingaed
for the Contenantal Serves & Rhodiland 78 8 0

8^{ly} voted and Raifed foure hunded pounds
to defray Town Charges 400 00 0

9^{ly} to voted Thos Cowdin Ju^r his account
which is 3 18 0

voted to alow Thos Cowdin his account which
is 7 4 0

voted and alowd Dr Thadues maccartey his
account which is 31 12 0

voted and alowd Afe Perrey his account which
is 3 12 0 pd

voted and alowd Phinehas Hartwell his
account which is 7 16 0

voted and alowd Elijah Carter his account
which is 6 6 0

voted and alowd Decon David Goodridge his aCount which is	17 00 0
voted and alowd Tho ^s Stearns his account which is	6 14 0
voted and alowd Ep ^{hm} Kimball Ju ^r his account which is	6 14 0
voted and alowd Daniel Putnam his account which is	6 14 0
voted and alowd Liut abraham Gibson his account which is	6 00 0
voted and alowd Cap ^t Ruben Gibson his account which is	1 4 0
voted and alowd Cap ^t Jonathan Wood his account which is	1 4 0
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	919 12 8

10^{ly} Voted the the Committe Report from mr Payson
[178] 11^{ly} voted and Raised for mr Payson for the
year Infuing and to mak up the Deprecation of the money
the Last Yeare his Salery Good for both Last year and
this preafent year fourteen hundred & Seventy nine pounds
16/ 1479 16 0

12^{ly} voted and Raised five hundred pounds to Supporte
a Scool the year infuing 500 00 0

13^{ly} voted and Chose Titos Wilder Josefph Phelps afe
Perrey Jacob upton & Josefph Fox be a Committe to pro-
vide a mafter to Keep the School . . .

14^{ly} voted that Each Quarter have the Benefit of
their own money which is Granted to Supporte the Schoole

15^{ly} voted and a Greed to provide m^r Paysons wood
by a volentary act the year Infuing . . .

16^{ly} voted and Chose Nicholas Danforth m^r Jacob
upton Cap^t Burbank & Daniel Farwell be a Committe to
See that mr Pafons wood be Got in Good Season & Good
wood

17^{ly} voted and Chose Decon David Goodridge to
attend the Convention at Concord the Sixth Day of octo-
ber next

The meeting Difolvd

David Goodridge moderator

A True Coppe of the Votes

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester Is To James Patterfon Conftable for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting . . . These are therefore in the Name and Government and people of the State of the Maffachusetts Bay to order and direct you forthwith to Notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to Affemble at the meeting house in Fitchburgh on the Twenty Second Day of this Instant November at One OClock in the after noon then and their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz) . . .

1^{ly} To chufe a moderator to Govern said meeting . . .

2^{ly} To see if the Town will approve or difapprove of the proceedings of the Convention at Concord the sixth Day of October Last and Chufe a Committee to put the Refolves into Execution or act any thing thereon as they shall think propper

[179] 3^{ly} To see if the Town will make any alterations in the prices of the farming labour, or Mechanicks, and Inholders not enumarated by the Convention at Concord or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

4^{ly} To see if the Town will raise any sum or sums of money to supply the Treafurer that the Selectmen hath taken out to pay the Soldiers according to the Courts orders

5^{ly} To see if the Town will chufe a Committee to keep the Great bridge by the Mills in repair or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

6^{ly} To here the accounts of any that has done Service for the Town for the Town and raise money for the Same

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing thereon to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under our hands and Seal at Fitchburgh this second Day of November and in the Year of Our Lord 1779

David Goodridge	}	Selectmen for Fitchburgh
Phinehas Hartwell		
Elijah Carter		

Fitchburgh Nov^r 22nd 1779

In obedience to your orders I have Notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of this Town to meet at the time and place within written

James Patterfon Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh Asssembled November 22nd 1779 . . .

1^y Voted and Chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator

2^y Voted to approve to of the Proceedings of the Convention at Concord the sixth Day of Oct^r Last . . .

3^y Voted to chuse a Committee to put the proceeding of the Convention into Execution

4^y Voted to chuse seven men as a Committee for the above purpose

5^y Voted and Chose Cap^t Jon^a Wood Mr Joseph Walker Mr Phinchas Sawyer Ju^r Cap^t Will^m Thurlo Mr James Poole Cap^t Reuben Gibfon & Mr Phinehas Hartwell to be a Committee for the above purpose

6^y Voted that the above Committee do not proceed at preasent to put the proceedings of the Convention at Concord into Execution untill they shall receive orders from the Selectmen & Standing Committee for that purpose

7^y Voted to raise two hundred & Seventy pounds to Supply the Treasurer with that the Selectmen took out to pay the Soldiers that went to Claverack agreeable to the Court^s order £270 0 0

[180] 8^y Voted to chuse a committee to repair the Bridge by the Mills

9^y Voted that the committee consist of three . . .

10^y Voted and Chose Mr Joseph Walker Mr Eph^r Kimball Jun^r & Mr Hezekiah Hodgskins to be the Committee . . .

11^y Voted that it be left discreunary with the Committee to cover the Bridge with what timber they shall think proper . . .

12^y Voted to allow Deacon Goodridge his ac^t for attending the Convention at Concord the sixth of Oct^r which Twenty two pounds £22 --

13^y Voted to allow Cap^t Will^m Thurlo his Act for two Burying Cloths which is Sixty pounds . . £60 — —

14^y Voted to raise Thirteen pounds which the Selectmen has hired to pay Two mens Mileage Money to Rhodifland which is to be taken out of the Next State tax

£13 0 0

15^y Voted that this meeting be Difolved

David Goodridge Moderator

A true copy from the Minutes Attest Joseph Fox

by order of the Town Clerk

march the 6 1780

(Seale) Worcester fs to James Paterfon Cunstable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

These are therfore in the name of the Goverment and people of the State of the mafsachusetts bay to order and Direct you forth with to notify the free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualifyd by Law to vote in Town meetings to afsemble at the meeting in Fitchburgh on monday the Sixth Day of march next at nine of the Clock in the morning then and their being duely meet and formd to act on the folowing artcles (viz)

1^{ly} to Chuese a moderator to Govern s^d meeting . .

2^{ly}—to Chuse Select men & other Town officers for the year infuing as the law & athority directs . . .

3^{ly}—to axcept aney high ways or privet Roads that has bin laid out by the Select men or their order or aney alterations on old Roads

4^{ly}—to See if the Town will Confider m^r James Paterfon for his Servis as Cunstable for s^d Town the last year and make him Sum Reward

5^{ly}—to See what Sum or Sumes of money the town will Raise to keep the high ways in repair. and See what method Shall be workt out for the present year

[181] 6^{ly}—to See who will take mrs Hart & Suporte Her one year and for what sum

7^{ly}—to See if the Town will abate aney Persons Rates on aney lifts Committed to aney of the Cunstables or aney part

8^{ly}—to See if the town will vote the Swine to Go at large the present year under the Regulations of the law

Here of faile not and make Return of this warrent with your dowing their in to Som one of us at or before the time & day a bove mentned Given under our Hands and Seal at Fitchburgh this Sixteenth day of Februry and in the year of our Lord 1780

David Goodridge	} Select men for Fitchburgh
Phinehas Hartwell	
Elijah Carter	

Fitchburgh Februry the 21 1780

In obedience to the within Rit I have notified the free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town to meet at the time and place within mentined

James Paterfon Cunstable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh a fembled march the 6 1780

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1^{ly} voted and Chose Decon David Goodridge moderator

2—^{ly} voted that their be five Select men Chose and that they be the Affsefors for the year Insuing . . .

3—^{ly} voted and Chose Thos Cowdin first Select man

4—^{ly} voted and Chose Elijah Carter Second Select man

5—^{ly} voted and Chose Dr Thadiues Maccartey third Select man

6—^{ly} voted and Chose Cap^t Jonathan Wood forth Select man

7—^{ly} voted and Chose Cap^t William Thurlo fifth Select man

8—^{ly} voted and Chose Thos Cowdin Town Clerk . . .

9—^{ly} voted and Chose Joseph Fox Town Treasurer . .

10—^{ly} voted and Chose Decon Goodridge Ifaac Gibson Joseph Walker be the Committey of Safty . . .

11—^{ly} voted and Chose Phinehas Hartwell Cunstable for the north Side of the Town . . .

12 ^{ly} voted and Chose mr Phinehas Sawyer Cunstable for the South Side of s^d Town . . .

voted and Reconsiderd the vote and mr Phinehas Sawyer be Excused from Serving Cunstable . . .

[182] 13—^{ly} voted and Chose John farwell and Colo Ebenezer Bridge Tythenmen

14—^{ly} voted and Chose Hezekiah Hodgkins and Afe Pere and Liut Ifaac Holden and Decon John Thurston and Phinehas Brown and Joseph Holt and Joseph Gray and Joseph Sawyer and Liut^t Tho^s Hartwell Survaers of high Ways . . .

15—^{ly} voted and Chose William Small & Amos ordewa Der Revs

16—^{ly} voted and Chose Samuel Downe & David Parce fiere Wards

17 ^{ly} voted and Chose Ebenezer Polley & Thos Hilton Abraham Gibson & Jonathan ware . . . hog Reves

18—^{ly} voted and Chose James Walker Survare of . . Shingels & Clabords

19—^{ly} voted and Chose Cap^t Jonathan Wood Survare of hups & Staves

20—^{ly} voted and Chose James Poole & Jofhua Parce fire wards fire wards

21—^{ly} voted and Chose Amos ordewa . . Seler of lether

22—^{ly} voted and Chose David Parce Seler of waits & . . . Seolor of Waits & mesuers

23—^{ly} voted and Raifd Three Thoufand Six hundred pounds to repaire the high Ways & Bridges the year Insuing—and to be workt out at Eighteen 18/ Shilings pr ower on the Spote, a Cart at 36/ pr Day & a plow at 36/ pr day & a yoake of Good oxen ^s3: ^f12: ^d0 pr Day

24—^{ly} voted that Cap^t Samuel Burbank have two hundred & two pounds for Suporting m^{rs} hart one whole year and So in proportion if She Should not Live the whole of the year £202-0-0

25—^{ly} voted and abated John Priests pole tax in m^r James Paterfons list

26—^{ly} voted that the Swine Go at large being Regulated a Cording to law

27—^{ly} voted and abated mr Eph^m Kimballs pole tax in mr James Paterfons list

[183] 28th voted and axcepted of a two Rod Roade

Laid out by the Select men and their order a Two Rod road Begining at the South line of Thos Cowdin Jur^s land Runing East of the Dweling house of s^d Cowdins through his land to the Common land & through the Common land to Liut Phillips land & through S^d Phillips land to the north of f^d Phillips Barn mared trees on the East Side of s^d Road, for a beter Commodation of the inhabitants on the Road Runing from Holdings mills to the County Road to the meeting house—we have made the altrations from the former Road as folows begining at the wefterdly Side of mr Whelers house Runing on s^d Whelers land to Aaron Eatons land & on s^d Eatons land to Thos Eatons land so through s^d Eatons land to Amos Darbys land to the former Road which leds to the County Road & markt trees on the South Side of s^d Rode to s^d Amos Durbys house—and the Land Given by the owners

Dated Fitchburgh Febuery the 28 1780

Phinehas Hartwell	{	Committe
Elijah Carter		
Seth Phileps		
Thos Cowdin Jur ^r		

Fitchburgh Septembr 1779

* We the Subsçribors being inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh being Partyes Concernd in Giving Land for a publick Road from Afhby begining at the northerdly Side of m^r Samuel Gibsons land through to Capt Josiah Stearnes land through s^d Stearnes land to mr Lemuel Hafkells & Jonathan Brooks land then on s^d line between s^d Haskell & Brooks about against haskels house then all on s^d Brooks land by or near Brookes house to mr Joseph veneys land through s^d veneys land nar his house then on s^d veneys & Browns line to Browns Corner then all on s^d venes to mr Jacob upton land then through s^d uptons land

* Terminus of the road at Francis Dean's, formerly Jacob Uptons.
[Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

by or near his buldings to the	County Road and the Land	
Given by us the Subscribors	Phinehas Brown	} Commtte
	Lemuel Hafkel	
	Jacob Upton	
	Samuel Gibson	
	Jonathan Brook	
	Joseph Venen	

29—ly voted that all the old high way Survaer work work out their old high way Rates on all their old lists for the last year

30—^{ly} voted that this meeting be adjurnd to the third monday of this Instant march at one O Clock in the after noon the meeting is adjurnd a Cordingly to the 20 Day of this Instent march at one O Clock in the after noon

[184] march the 20 1780 Then the Town meet
according to adjournment and the meeting opned . . .

31^{ly} voted and Excused mr Phinchas Sawyer from
serving Constable

32^d Voted and chose Mr Daniel Farwell Constable for the South Side—

33^d Voted and allow,d Reuben Gibson Jun.

his Acc^t for providing Necessaries for M^{rs}

Hart & Nursing when sick	£45 18 0 0
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34 Voted and abated John Priest,s Poll Tax
in James Pattersons List £10 0 0 0

voted and abated John Priests pole tax Afe			
Perreys List	1	0	0

35 Voted and abated W ^m Stewards Rates in Afa Perrys Lists	0 14 0 0
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36 Voted and abated Asahel Hartwells Rates in Afa Perrys List	0 14
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37 Voted and abated David Winchs Rates	
in Afa Perrys List	0 15 6 -

38 Voted and abated Tim ^o Kendall Rates				
in Stewards List	0	4	2	—

39 Voted and abated Jon ^a Taylors Rates in Afa Perreys List	0	5	2	—
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voted and abated in m ^r Perrys Lists the Sev-	
rall Prfons	3 12 10

Sum total	4 17 9
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the Sum abated for Soloman Steward
 voted and abated Ely Rufsells minesters Rate . . 2 5 0
 The oficers Chofe into Town ofices a peard and tuck
 the oaths Requird by law Respecting their Sevrall ofices
 This meeting Disolvd
 David Goodridge moderator
 Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[185] (Seal) Worcester ss To m^r Daniel Farwell one
 of the Cunstable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting—
 These are in the name of the Goverment and people of the
 mafsachusetts Bay to order and direct you forth with to
 Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitents of the Town
 of Fitchburgh qualifd by Law to vote in Town meetings
 to assemble at the Meeting house in Fitchburgh on Tuf-
 day the Twenty third Day of this Inst^t may at one of the
 Clock in the after noon then and their being duely met to
 act on the following articles . . .

1^{ly} To choofe a moderator . . .

2^{ly} To heere the Constitution or Form of Goverment
 latly formd by the Convention appointed for that pur-
 pose read and approve or dis approve of the Same or
 make any alterations thereon as they Shall think proper

3^{ly} To See what method the Town will come into to
 Suport the Rev^d m^r Payson for the futer and also to
 make him a Grant for the Depreisation of the money the
 past year or act any thing refering there to as they shall
 think proper

4^{ly} To See if the Town will dismiss Capt Jonathan
 Wood at his own desire from Serving as a Committe man
 for supplying the Soldiers familys now in the Continental
 army and Choofe a nother in his Room

Hereof faile not and make return of this warrant and
 your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the
 above s^d day Given under our hands & Seale this Eighth
 day of may A D 1780—

Thos Cowdin	} Select men for Fitchburgh
Thad ^s Maccarty	
Jonathan Wood	

Worefter fs In obedience to the within warrant I have
notifyd and warnd all the free holders and other Inhabi-
tents of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualifyd by Law agre-
able to the within warrant

Fitchburgh may the 23 1780

Daniel Farwell Cunstable

at a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of
Fitchburgh Afsembled may the 23 1780

Tho^s Cowdin Town Clerk

[186] 1^{ly} voted and Chose mr Phinehas Hartwell
moderator

2^{ly} voted and axcepted of the Conftitution or forme
of Government as it is Sot forth in the Books Sent to the
Sevral Towns in this State. the number prefent at the
Town meeting was 65—and not one against the Confti-
tution or form of Government, but unanemosly a Greed to
axcept of it without one Defenting voice

3^{ly} voted and Chose a Committee to now or find
what the Depreisation of the money is Sins mr Paysons
Salery was Granted in Septembr 27 1779

4^{ly} voted and Chose mr Kindall Boutall Phinehas
Sawyer Ju^r & Eph^m Kimball Ju^r to be a Committe to
bring in to s^d Town what the money Deprefheated Sins
mr Paysons Salery was Granted last fall

5^{ly} voted not to Difmifs Capt Jonathan Wood from
beng a Commite man

6^{ly} voted and a jurnd the Town meeting one hower
to wate to here the report of the Committe

7^{ly} the Town meet at the time s^d meeting ftud ajurnd
to and the Report of the Committe is that the Town pay
mr Payson three thoufand three hundred and twenty
pounds foure Shilings to make his Salery Good fins s^d
Salery was Granted £3320-4-0

8^{ly} voted that the Afsefsors afefs the Sum of three
thoufand three hundred & twenty pounds 4/ on the In-
habitents with out Delay in order to pay mr Payson the
above fum

9^{ly} voted and Difolvd the Town meeting

Phinehas Hartwell moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worcester fs To mr Phinehas Hartwell one of the Cunstable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting—In the Name of the Goverment & people of the State of mafachusetts Bay you are herby requird to notify & warne the Freholders & other Inhabitents of s^d Town qualifyd by Law to vote in Town meetings to asemble & meet at the meeting house in s^d Fitchburgh on monday the Sevententh of this Infant July at one o Clock in the after noon then & their being duely met & formd to act on the folowing articles viz—

1 to Choose a moderator

2^{ly} to See Whether the Town will raise aney Sum or Sumes of money to pay Such Soldiers as have or may enlist for the present Campain or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

Here of fail not and make return of your doings hereon to Sum one of us at or bef before s^d day—Given under our hands & Seale this first day of July A D 1780

Thos Cowdin	{	Select men
Elijah Carter		for
Thads maccarty		Fitchburgh

[187] Worcester fs Fitchburgh July the 15 1780

a Greable to this warrant I have notified the free holders and other Inhabitents of s^d Town to asemble at time and place for the purpose within mentioned

Phnehas Hartwell Cunstable

at a Legall meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh asembld July the 17 1780

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1^{ly} voted and Chose Decon David Goodridge moderator

2^{ly} voted that this Town meeting be ajurnd til to next fryda the 21 Day of this Instant July at two o Clock in the after noone

Tho^s Cowdin Town Clerk

Fitchburgh July the 21 1780 The Town meet and opned the meeting aCording to the ajurnment . . .

3^{ly} voted & Raised fifty Thousand pounds to pay the Solders that have bin Raised for the present Campaine both Conantial & molisha £50000-0-0

This meeting Disolvd—

David Goodridge moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worcester fs To mr Phinehas Hartwell one of the Cunftables of the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting— In the name of the Goverment & people of the State of the Mafachufits Bay you are herby requird to warne the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifyd by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the meeting house in s^d Town Thursday the 20 of this Instant July at one O Clock in the after noon to act on the folowing Articles . . .

1^{ly} To Choose a moderator

2^{ly} To See Whether the Town will Choofe a new Committe to hire men for the Serves of the uniteed States for futter or act aney thing thereon as they Shall think proper

Hereof faile not & make return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to Sum one of us at or before s^d day Given under our hands & Seal this 5 Day of July A D 1780

Thos Cowdin } Select men
Thds maccarty } for
Elijah Carter } Fitchburgh

Worcester fs Fitchburgh July the 17 1780 a Greable to Direction of this warrant I have notifyd the free holders and other Inhabitents of s^d Town to asemble at time and place for the purpos within mentned

Phinehas Hartwell Cunftable

[188] at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh asembled July the 21, 1780 upon an ajurnment from the 20 Day to fryday the 21 by Reason of a publick fast which was apointed by athrowity

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1^{ly} voted and Chose Decon David Goodridge moderator
 2^{ly} voted and Dismist the old Committe that was
 Chose to hire men to serve as Solder in the army of the
 united States

3^{ly} voted to Chuse a new Committe to hire Solders
 for the futter or til the Towns farther order

4^{ly} voted and Chose Joseph Walker & Cap^t Ruben
 Gibson & David Parc to be a Committe to hire Solders
 til the Towns further order—This meeting Dissolvd

David Goodridge moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worcester fs To mr Phinehas Hartwell one of
 the Cunftables of the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . .

In the Name of the Government & People of the State
 of the mafachusetts Bay

These are to requiere you a Greable to Law to notify
 & warne all the male Inhabitents of s^d Town being Twenty
 one years of age & upward having an annuel Income of
 three Pounds or any Estate to the value of Sixty Pounds,
 to assemble & meet at the Meetinghouse in s^d Fitchburg
 on Monday the fourth day of September next at Nine
 o clock in the forenoon then & there being duely met &
 formed agreable to the new Constitutions of Government
 to vote—

1 For a Governor—

2 For a Lieutenant Governor—

3 To Five Persons to be Counsellors & senators

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with
 your doings thereon to some of us at or before s^d day—
 Given under our hands & seal this Eighteenth day of
 August, A D 1780

Tho ^s Cowdin	{	Select men for Fitchburg
Thad ^s Maccarty		
W ^m Thurlo	{	Fitchburg
Elijah Carter		

[189] Worcester fs Fitchburg Septemr the 2 1780

that a greable to the Directions of this warrant I
 have Notified the freeholders and other Inhabitents of

said town to assemble at time and place for the Porpse within mentned—

Phinehas Hartwell Conftable

at a Legall meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh asembled Septe^r the 4 1780

Tho^s Cowdin Town Clerk

firstly voted for a Governer the Honorable John Handcock had Sixty three votes 63 votes
the Honorable James Boadwine one 1 Dito
then voted for a Senetr the number of votes

for the honorable Samuel Hotten thirty five vts . 35 Dito
for Joseph Darr Esq—thirty three 33 Dito
for Izreal Nichols Esq 33 Dito
for Amos Singletory Esq 30 Dito
for Samuel Curties Esq 28 Dito

the Returns made and Directed to the Secretry at Boston & Sined by the Select men namly . . .

Elijah Carter	}	Select men for fitchburgh
Tha ^d Maccarty		
Jonathan Wood		
William Thurlo		
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk		

[190] (Seale) Worcefter fs To m^r Phinehas Hartwell one of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

These are in the Name of the Goverment & People of the State of mafsachusetts Bay to will & require you forthwith to warne the Free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to asemble & meet at the meeting house on monay the Ninth Day of october next at one O Clock in the after noon then & their being duly met and formd to act on the following artcles that is

1^{ly} to Chuse a moderator

2^{ly} to See what method the Town will Come into to Suport the Revrant mr Payson the Year Infuing or act any thing thereon as they Shall think proper

3^{ly} to raise money to Suport the Poor & Indegant perfons in s^d Town if need . . .

4^{ly} raise money to Supply the Treafury & pay Town Charges particularly to Support the Continental Solders families

5^{ly} for all Perfons that have done Service for the Town to bring in their accounts for acceptance and raise money to pay the fame

6^{ly} to See what method the Town will Come into to provide mr Paysons wood the year insuing

7^{ly} to See in what method the Town will provide Scooling and raise money for the Suporte of the Same or act any thing thereon as they Shall think proper—

Here of faile not & make return of this warrent with your doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the Day & time above mentned Given under our hands & Seale this Twenty fifth Day of Sepembr A D 1780

Elijah Carter	} Select men for Fitchburgh
Thads maccarty	
Jonathan Wood	

Worcester Is Fitchburgh octobr the 9 1780

agreable to the Directons of this warant I have Notified the free holders & other in habitants of s^d Town to meet at time & place and for the purpose within mentned
Phinehas Hartwell Cunstable

[191] at a Legall meetings of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh asembled octobr the 9 1780

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1^{ly} Voted and Chose mr Joseph Walker moderator . .

2^{ly} voted to Raise one hundred pounds in hard money to pay the Revrant mr Payson his Salery the year Insuing to be paid in hard money or produfe that is Whete at nine Shilings pr bufhels ry at 6/ pr bufhel Inden Corn at 4/ pr bufhel Labor in the Sumer at 4/ pr Day flax at 1/ pr pound poark at 5^d pr pound Shep wool at 2/ pr pound Beefe at 3^d half peney pr pound and all other produfe in proportion £100-0-0

3^{ly} voted to pay Capt Samuel Burbank . . £202-0-0 for Supporting mrs Hart one whole year & so in proportion if she should not Live the year out

4^{ly} voted to Raife two Thousand foure hundrd and Sixten pounds to Suply the Conantnal famelys and to Defray Town Charges £2416-0-0

5^{ly} voted to alow Colo Ebenezer Bridge his account 69-18-0-

6^{ly} voted to alow Levi Kimball his account . 16-10-0-

7^{ly} voted to alow Phinehas Hartwell his account 22-0-0-

8^{ly} voted to alow John Putnam his account . 15-6-0-

9^{ly} voted to alow Dr maccarty his a Count . 291-0-0-

10^{ly} voted to alow Daniel Putnam his aCount 160-0-0-

11^{ly} voted to alow Oliver Stickne his account . 144-0-0-

12^{ly} voted to alow Cap^t Jonathan Wood his account 84-0-0-

13^{ly} voted to alow William Brown his account . 30-0-0-

14^{ly} voted to alow Joseph Sawyer his a Count . 7-4-0-

15^{ly} Voted to alow aseph Perre his a Count . 32-10-0-

16^{ly} voted to alow John farwell his account . 18-0-0-

17^{ly} voted to alow Jacob upton his account . 32-10-0-

18^{ly} voted to alow Elijah Carter his account . 64-0-0-

19^{ly} voted to alow Decon John Thurfton his aCount 20-0-0-

20^{ly} voted to alow Kindall Boutall his a Count 38-18-0 {taken off

21^{ly} voted to alow Capt Ruben Gibson his account 20-0-0-

22^{ly} voted to alow Joseph Walker his a Count . 16-0-0-

23^{ly} voted to alow Ifaac Gibson his a Count . 9-0-0-

24^{ly} voted to alow John Goodard his a Count . 3-0-0-

25^{ly} voted to pay John farwell for finding & Deliv-
ring at mr Paysons house thirty Coards of Good Wood
£440-0-0 440-0-0

[192] 25^{ly} voted to Raife Two Thousand pounds to
provide a Scool or Scool £2000-0-0

and also £500 pounds I Thos Cowdin Give to be Scoold
out in the Scool house Sot on s^d Cowdins Land . £500-0-0

Thos Cowdin

26^{ly} voted and Chose 6 as a Committe to provide a
Scool mafter or mafters

27^{ly} voted Chose Joseph Walker & Decon Thurfton &
David Parce & Joseph Downe & Phinehas Sawyer Jur &

Joseph farnsworth to be a Committe to provid Scool mafter or mafters . . .

28^{ly} voted that Each Committe man Draw his part of the Towns money acording to their valuation

This meeting Difolvd

Joseph Walker moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester fs—To M^r Phinehas Hartwell One of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—These are in the name of the Goverment & People of the State of Mafsachusetts Bay to will & require You forthwith to notify the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by the new Constitution to vote for a Representative to Asemble & meet at the Meeting house in s^d Fitchburg on Monday the Ninth day of October next at five o clock in the Afternoon to elect & depute a proper Person to represent them in the Great & General Court to be convend, held & kept at the State house in Boston on the last Wednesday of October next or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper—

Hereof fail not & make due returns of this Warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before s^d day—Given under our hands & seal this twentyfifth day of September A D 1780

Elijah Carter	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Thad ^s Maccarty	
Jon ^a Wood	

[193] Worcester fs—Fitchburg October 9th. 1780—

Agreable to the Directions of this Warrant I have notified the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of s^d Town qualified by the new Constitution to vote for a Representative to meet at time & place & for the purposes within mentiond

Phinehas Hartwell Const

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg October 9th 1780. Cap^t Tho^s Cowdin was chosen to represent f^d Town at the Great & General Court to be conven^d held & kept at the state House in

Boston on the last Wednesday of October current, agreeable to the new Constitution or form of Government

Elijah Carter	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Thad ^s Maccarty	
W ^m Thurlo	

Attest Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worcester fs To mr Phinehas Hartwell one of the Constables of the Towne of Fitchburgh Greeting . .

These are in the name of the Government & people of the State of Massachusetts Bay to will & require you verbally forthwith to warn the Free holders & other Inhabetants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to asemble & meet at the Meeting house in s^d Fitchburgh on Monday the 23 Day of this Inst^t October at Two O Clock in the afternoon then & their being duely meet & formd to act on the following articles viz

1^{ly} to choofe a Moderator

2^{ly} To see what method the Town will procure the Beef required by the General Coart in their resolves of Septembr the 25 1780—Hereof fail not & make due returne of your doings therin together with this warrant to Some one of us at or before s^d Day

Given under our hands & Seal this twentieth Day [194] of october A D 1780

Thos Cowdin	} Select men for Fitchburg
Thad ^s Maccarty	
Elijah Carter	

Worcester fs a Greeable to the Directions of this warrant I have Given verbale notice to the Inhabitents to attend a meeting to be held at the meeting house the 23 Day at two O Clock after noon of this Instant october—Fitchburg october the 23 1780

Phinehas Hartwell Cunstable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh assembled octobr the 23 1780 . . .

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1^{ly} voted and Chose Decon David Goodridge moderator

2^{ly} voted and raised Eight Thousand pound . £8000—
to proquire or purchases foure Thousand & Eight hundred
pounds of Beefe a Greable to a Refolve of the General
Coart of September the 25 1780—

3^{ly} voted to Chuse a Committee to procure the Beefe
for the army a Greable to the Coarts Refolve—

4^{ly} voted and Chose Decon John Thurston & Ase
Perre and Eph^m Kimball Ju^r to be a Committe to purches
the Beefe and that the Towns Committe Give their
Securety in behalfe of the Town of Fitchburgh for s^d Beefe—
The meeting Difolvd

David Goodridge moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[195] (Seal) Worcester Is To mr Phinehas Hartwell
one of the Cunstabables of the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

In the Name of the Common welth of mafsachufets
you are herby requird Verbaly to notify & warn the free
holders and other Inhabitents belonging to the North side
of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualified by Law to vote in
Town meetings to afsemble & meet at the meeting house
in s^d Town on monday the 25 Day of this Inst Decembr
at one O Clock in the afternoon then and their being Duely
met & formd to act on the folowing arteles viz

1^{ly} to Chuese a moderator

2^{ly} to See in what method the Town will provide
Beefe for the use of the army agreable to the General
Coarts Refolvs & act thereon as they shall think proper

3^{ly} to See whether the Town will allow any accounts
to perfons to whome it is Indeted or act any thing there
on as they Shall think proper

Here of faile not & make due returne of this War-
rant with your dowings thereon to Sum one of us at or
before s^d day—

Given under our Hands & Seale this 21 day of Decembr
A D 1780

Elijah Carter	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Thad ^s maccarty	
Jonathan Wood	
William Thurlo	

Worcester Is Fitchburgh Decembr the 23 1780

A Greabele to the Directions of this warrant I have notiyd & cased to be notiyd the free holders & other Inhabitents of the north side of f^d Town to attend at time & place for the porpofes within mentned—

Phinehas Hartwell Cunstable

at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh afsembled the 25 Day Decembr 1780

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Fitchburgh Decembr the 25 1780 . . .

1^{ly} voted and Chofe mr Phinehas Hartwell moderator

2^{ly} voted and a Jurnd Down to the house of Thos Cowdins

3^{ly} voted rafe a Sum of money to purchis nine thousand two hundred & Sixteen pounds of Beefe . . 9216 Wate of Beefe

4^{ly} voted Raife fifteen Thousand pounds to purches Beefe £15000-0-0-

5^{ly} voted and Chofe Decon John Thurfston mr Afe Perre & mr Eph^m Kimball & Cap^t Thurlo to be a Committe to purches the Beefe requested by the General Courts Refolvs of Decembr the 4 1780

6^{ly} voted to alow mr Hodgkin his a Count which is £184-18-0

7^{ly} voted that the affefsors afefs the fifteen thousand pounds to purches the Beefe Requested by the General Courts order of Decembr the 4 1780

[196] 8^{ly} voted that this Town meeting be a jurnd til Tuefday the ninth Day of Janeuary 1781 then to meet at the meeting hous at one o Clock the after noon

Then the Town meet is a jurnd acordingly

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Janeuary the 9 1781 The Town meet acording to a jurnment

9^{ly} voted to alow mr Walker his a Count for mending the bridge which is £24-0-0

10^{ly} voted to alow Afeeph Goodridge his a Count 25-4-0 pd

11^{ly} voted to allow Levi Kimball his a Count . 48-12-0

12^{ly} voted to allow Hezekiah Hodgkins his a Count . .
54-0-0

13^{ly} voted this meeting bee adgornd to monday the
22 Day of this Instant Janeuery at twelve o Clock at
noon

Then to meet at the meeting house in f^d Fitchburgh

This meeting is adgornd a Cordingly

(Tha^{ds} maccarty Town Clerk
) by order of the Select men

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

acording to the a dgorment the Town meet on the
22 Day of Janeuery 1781 . . .

14^{ly} voted that the Committe be orderd to procure
the Beefe a chepe & Soone as pofably they Can

This meeting Difolvd

Phinehas Hartwell moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worcefter fs To mr Daniel Farwell one of the
Cunftables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . In
the name of the Goverment and people this Common
welth . . . you are herby Requird to warn all the free
holders and other Inhabitents of s^d Town that are Quali-
fyd by Law to vote in Town afares to afemble and meet
at the meeting house on Tuefday the ninth Day of Jane-
uery 1781 at ten O Clock in the fore noone then and their
being Duely meet and formd to act on the folowing artcles

1^{ly} to Chuefe a moderator

2^{ly} to See what method the Town will Com into to
Raife or hire the nine Contenantel men Requested by the
General Courts Refolve of Decembr the 4 1780—or act
aney thing their on as fhall think proper . . .

3^{ly} to fe whether the Town will Take into their Con-
fideration all thofe that have Dun more than their pro-
portion in the prefent ware or act aney thing there on as
they Shall think proper

[197] 4^{ly} to See Whether the Town will Take into
their Confideration what is beft to be done as to the new
moneys being a tender as their is Danger of f^d tender

being taken of by the General Coart as their are maney of the membr much in faver of the tenders being Discontinued or act aney thing there on as they Shall think proper

Here off faile not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings there on to sum one of us at or before the Day above mentned Given under our hands and Seale this 25 Day of Decembr A D 1780

Thos Cowdin	} Select men of Fitchburg
Elijah Carter	
Jonathan Wood	
William Thurlo	

Worcester fs Fitchburgh Janeuery the 9 1781

a Greable to the Directons of this warrant I have Notifyd all the free holders & other Inhabitents of s^d Town to attend at time & place for the purpose within mentned
Daniel Farwell Cunfable

At a Legall meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburg assembled Janeuery the 9 1781

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1^{ly} voted and Chose Capt Jonathan Wood moderator

2^{ly} voted to ajurn s^d meeting to the house of Capt Cowdins for one half ower

3^{ly} voted to Raife the nine Contnantel men by a Rate of afsefing the whole town for their Hire

4^{ly} voted to alow the field officers & Commision officers belongin to town as an addition to the former Committe to Raise the men to Supply the present ware acording to General Coarts order—

5^{ly} motined to See whether the third artele Shall be acted upon the vote pafsed in the Negative and pafed over

6^{ly} voted to Shue their minds in Regard to have the Laft omifhon of Contnantel bills be a Lawfull tender & it pafsed in the affarmitive

7^{ly} voted this meeting be adjornd to monday the 22 Day of this Instant Janeuery—The meeting is adjurnd

Accordingly then to meet at the meeting house at one o'clock in the after noon

Phinehas Hartwell Clark
by order of the Select men

January the 22 1781 met at the adjournment—

8^{ly} voted and chose Deacon John Thurston & Liut Thos Hartwell as an addition to the former Committee for Hiring Solders into the present War

Jonathan Wood moderator
This meeting Dissolved Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[198] (Seal) Worcester ss To Mr Phinehas Hartwell One of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—

These are in the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts to will & require you forthwith to notify & warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by Law to vote in Town Meetings to assemble & meet at the Meeting house in sd Fitchburg on Munday the Fifth Day of March next at Nine o'clock in the Forenoon then and their being duly met & formed to Act on the following Articles viz

1 To chuse a Moderator

2^{ly} To choose Selectmen & other Town Officers for the year ensuing as the Law directs

3^{ly} To Accept any roads or highways that have been laid out by the Selectmen or their order

4^{ly} To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to keep the high ways in repair and see in what method it shall be worked out the year Enfuig

5^{ly} To see who will take Mrs Hart and Support her the year ensuing and for what sum of money

6^{ly} To see if the Town will abate any persons Rates on any List committed to any Constable, or any part

7^{ly} To see if the Town will vote the swine to go at Large the present year under the Regulations of the Law

8^{ly} To see if the Town will advance to the Rev^d Mr Payson Money sufficient to pay for the house & Land laying next to him which now belongs to Thaddeus Maccarty, upon condition that Mr Payson relinquishes annually for the future a certain Propotion of the Wood

which the Town are oblig^d.to provide for him, or whether the Town will for any other Consideration advance said money, or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

9^{ly} For the Town to hear the report of the Committee appointed by them to procure Soldiers for the Army and Act thereon as they shall think proper . . .

10^{ly} To see whether the Town will make any Consideration to the Conftables for the Last year for their extraordinary services, or or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

11^{ly} To chufe a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester

[199] Hereof fail not and make return of the Warrant with your doing thereon to some One of us at or before s^d Day Given under our hands & seal this 15th Day of Februery A D 1781—

Elijah Carter	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Thad ^s Maccarty	
Jonathan Wood	

Worcester fs. March 5th 1781

Agreeable to the directions of this warrant I have Notified the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings, to affemble at time and place & for the purpofes within mentioned

Phinehas Hartwell Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday March 5th 1781—

1^{ly} Voted & chofe Deacon Goodridge Moderator

2^{ly} Voted and chofe Tha^{ds} Maccarty Daniel Putnam Afa Perry Oliver Stickney & Tho^s Hartwell Selectmen & affeffors for the year Enfuing . . . Selectmen & Affeffors

3^{ly} Voted and Chofe Jofeph Fox Town Clerk . . Town Clerk

4^{ly} Voted and chofe Jofeph Fox Town Treafurer . Town Treafurer

5^{ly} Voted and chofe Cap^t Reuben Gibson Deacon John Thurftin & Phinehas Brown Committy of Safty . . Committy of Safty

6^{ly} Voted and chose John Carter Constable for the south side Constable

7^{ly} Voted and chose Phinehas Sawyer Jun^r Constable for the North Side Constable

8^{ly} Voted and Chose John Venon & David Pratt Tythingmen

9^{ly} Voted and Chose W^m Small Cap^t Sam^l Burbank Hezekiah Hodgskins Leut^t Seth Phillips Jonathan Russell Joseph Phelps James Walker Joseph Venon W^m Brown Highway Surveyors

10^{ly} Voted & chose Daniel Thurstin Amos Parce Tho^s Thurstin, & Joseph Polley Hogreves

11^{ly} Voted and Chose Paul Wetherbee & Eli Russell Firewards

12^{ly} Voted and Chose James Walker . . . Surveyor of Clabbords & Shingles

13 Voted & chose Cap^t Jon^a Wood . . . Surveyors of hoops & Staves

[200] 14^{ly} Voted & chose Tho^s Thurstin . . Sealer of Leather

15^{ly} Voted & chose David Parce Sealer of Weights & meafures

16^{ly} Voted & raised Six thousand pounds to repair the high ways £6000 —

17^{ly} Voted that s^d Money be workt out at five Dollars an hour and that the Oxen Tools &c be in the Ufeal Propotion . . .

18^{ly} Voted that Each person work his Rates out by the first of Dcember and if it is not work^d out by that time that the List be returned to the Affesors & that the Delinquency be annext to the Delinquents next tax—

19^{ly} Voted to give Cap^t Sam^l Burbank Forty bushels of Rye to Support M^{rs} Hart one whole year from this time & to make up the Depreciation of the money the year Past and so in propotion if she should Die before the end of the year

20^{ly} Voted that the swine run at Large the year En-fuing under the regulations of the Law . . .

21^{ly} Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Monday the 12th of this Infent March and this meeting is adjorn,d accordingly

March 12th the Town mett according to adjournment

22nd Voted to Dismis the Eight Article article in the warrant concerning Mr Payson^s Request . . .

23^{ly} Voted that the Committee chofen to procure Soldiers for the three years service offer the men that shall go for three years One hundred hard Dollers Each, for Each year

24^{ly} Voted to Chuse a Committee to hire Nine hundred Dollers hard money upon the Towns Credit . . .

25^{ly} Voted and W^m Brown & Elijah Garfield a committee for the above purpose of hiring the Nine hundred Dollers hard money—

26^{ly} Voted to pafs over the 10th article in the warrant

27^{ly} Voted & chose Mr Joseph Walker & Nicholas Danforth fence viewers Fence viewers

28^{ly} Voted to Endemnify the Affsors & Millitia officers for not puting in Execution the Court^s Refolves respecting clafing the Inhabitants in order to procure the Continental men required of this Town

[201] 29^{ly} Voted to abate Eli Rufsell^s Minefter^s Depreciation Rate which is £6-13- £6 13 0

30^{ly} Voted to adjorn this meeting to Tusday the 13th of this Instant March at two O Clock in the afternoon at this place the meeting adjorn^d accordingly

March 13th 1781 The Town meet according to adjournment

31^{ly} Voted to adjorn this meeting to munday the 19th of this Instant March at One OClock in the afternoon at this place the meeting is adjorned accordingly . . .

March 19th 1781 The Town mett according to adjournment

32^{ly} Voted to adjorn this meeting to munday the 26th of this Instent march at One OClock in the afternoon at this place this meeting adjorn^d accordingly . . .

March 26th 1781 The Town mett according to adjournment

33^{ly} Voted to reconsider that part of the 27th vote (viz) that the Affsors & millitia officers do not clafs the Inhabitents according to the Courts Refolves . . .

34^{ly} Voted that the Affessors proceed Emediatly to Claſs the Inhabitants in order to procure the remainder of the Continental Soldiers requir^d of this Town, which is not already procured

35^{ly} Voted to adjorn this meeting to monday the 2nd Day of April at one OClock in the afternoon at this place the meeting adjorn^d accordingly

April 2nd 1781 The Town mett according to adjornment

36^{ly} Voted to abate John Priest^s Pole Tax in James Patterſons List which is £30-11-0 . .

37^{ly} Voted to abate Tho^s Hills Rate in James Patterſon^s List which is £3-6-6 . . .

38^{ly} Voted and Chose Cap^t Sam^l Burbank Collector for the south side of the Town in the Rome of M^r Jo^s Walker Diſinifed and the ſaid Burbank is to be allowed the ſame upon the hundred for collecting as M^r Walker was to have had which is Twenty ſix ſhilling the old Continental Currency or other money to the value . . .

39^{ly} Voted that this meeting be Diſolved and this meeting is Diſolved accordingly

David Goodridge Moderator

Joſeph Fox Town Clerk

[202] (Seal) Worceſter ſs

To M^r Phinehas Hartwell One of the Conſtables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting —

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſſachuſetts theſe are to require you forthwith, Verbally, to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallifyed by Law to vote in Town meetings to aſſembly & meet at the Meeting Houſe in ſ^d Town on monday the twelvth day of this Inf^t March at Nine OClock in the forenoon then and their being duly met & formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1 To chuſe a Moderator

2^{dly} To ſee whether the Town will make any conſideration to the Conſtables that are choſen for the year enſuing or act any thing thereon as they ſhall think proper

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum One of us at or before said Day. Given Under our hands & seal this Eighth Day of March A D 1781—

Thad ^s Maccarty	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Afa Perry	
Tho ^s Hartwell	

Worcester. Is Fitchburg March 12th 1781—

Agreeable to the directions of this warrant I have given Publick notice to the Inhabitants of s^d Town to attend at time and Place and for the purposes within mentioned as near as the Sabbath Day would admit of

Errors Excepted . . Phinehas Hartwell Constable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Assembled March 12th 1781—

1^{ly} Voted & Chose Mr Phinehas Hartwell Moderator

2^{ly} Voted to Excuse Mr Phinehas Sawyer Jur^r & Mr John Carter for Serving as Collectors the year Ensuing they paying into the Town Treafurer ten Dollers each the old way

[203] 3^{ly} Voted to Accept Nine hundred Dollers Each of Mr Phinehas Sawyer Jur^r & Mr John Carter for the ten Doller Each the old way for serving as to collecting the money which shall be affesed the Ensuing year

4^{ly} Voted that Mr Phinehas Sawyer Jur^r & Mr John Carter pay the above sums of nine hundred Dollers Each to the Collector or Collectors which shall be chosen for the purpose of collecting the money which shall be affesed the Ensuing year—

5^{ly} Voted to chuse to Collectors

6^{ly} Voted that the Collectors which shall be chosen shall procure bousmen if required by the Town . . .

7^{ly} Voted and chose Mr Joseph Walker Collector for the South side of the Town for the Ensuing year for which the Town voted to give him twenty six shillings upon the hundred pound which he shall collect and pay when ordered

8^{ly} Voted & chose Cap^t Reuben Gibson Collector for the North side the Town for the Ensuing year for which the town voted to give him twenty five shillings upon the

Hundred pound which he shall collect and pay when ordered

9^{ly} Voted that this meeting be Difolved—

The meeting Difolved accordingly

Phinehas Hartwell moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester fs. To M^r Phinehas Sawyer Jun^r O of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting . .

In the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to notify in due course of Law agreeable to the New Constitution the Freeholders & other Inhabitents quallified thereby to vote for the Officers hereafter mentioned to assemble & meet at the meeting house in s^d Fitchburg on Monday the Second Day of April next at Two OClock in the afternoon then and their being duly met and formed to vote—

1^{ly} For a Governor

2^{ly} For a Lievttenant Governor—

3^{ly} For five Counsellors & Senators—

Hereof fail not & make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon to Some one of us at or before s^d Day Given under our hands & Seal this twenty forth Day of March A D 1781

Thad ^s Maccarty	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Daniel Putnum	
Tho ^s Hartwell	

[204] Worcester: fs: Fitchburg April 2nd 1781—

By virtue of the within warrant. I have warnd all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of s^d Town to meet at the time and place within mentioned—

Phinehas Sawyer Jun^r Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on monday the 2nd Day of April A D 1781—

1^{ly} Voted & chose His Excellency John Hancock Esq^r Governor of this Commonwealth—thirty
five votes

2^{ly} Voted and chose The Honorable Tho^s Cush-
ing Esq^r Liev^t Governor twenty six votes 26
3^{ly} Voted and Chose the Following Gentlemen as
Counfellors & Senators .. .
Israel Nichols Esq^r 26 votes Sam^l Baker Esq^r 26 votes
Seth Washbern Esq^r 26 votes Sam^l Curtis Esq^r 26 votes
W^m Denfmore Esq^r 26 votes
The meeting Difolved

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Fitchburg April 7th 1781—Then rec^d of the Selectmen
of the Town of Fitchburg One hundred & six Bushels of
Indian Corn it being in full of a Note given to my son
Stephen for serveing as a Soldier in the Continental Army
agreable to the Refolves of the General Court which Note
is lost

John Thurston

A true copy Attest

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[205] (Seal) Worcester Is: To Mr Phinehas Sawyer
Jun^r One of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg
Greeting—

In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts
these are to require you forthwith to notify the freehold-
ers and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg
quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble
at the meeting house in said Fitchburg on Tusday the
Fifth Day of June next at One O Clock in the afternoon
then and there being duely met & formed to act on the
following articles (viz)

1 To chose a Moderator

2 To see whether the Town will raise any sum or
sums of money to pay such depreciation as by Law is
become due and also for such other purposes as are neces-
sary for the Towns use or act any thing thereon as they
shall think proper

3 To see Whether the Town will make any Confidera-
tion to Cap^t Reuben Gibson, for an Obligation which he
gave to Abraham Willard to Serve in the Army or act
any thing there on as they shall think proper—Hereof
fail not and make due return of this warrant with your

doings thereon to sum one of us at or before s^d Day
Given under our hands and Seal this twenty first Day of
May A D 1781

Thad ^s Maccarty	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Daniel Putnum	
Afa Perry	
Oliver Stickney	

Worcester fs June 5th 1781—

by virtue of this warrant I have Notified all the free-
holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to
meet at the time and place within mentioned . . .

Phinehas Sawyer Jun^r Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Fitchburg afsembled June 5th 1781—

1st Voted and Chose Cap^t Will^m Thurlo Moderator—

2nd Voted not to raise any money to pay up any
depreciation at this meeting

3^d Voted not to allow Cap^t Gibson any allowance
for the private contract between s^d Gibson & Abraham
Willard as to a Note Cap^t Gibson gave to Willard for fifty
bushels Rye. The meeting Difsolved

Will^m Thurlo Moderator

by order of the Selectmen

Thomas Cowdin Town Clerk

[206] (Seal) Worcester: fs: To Phinehas Sawyer
Jun^r One of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg
Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maffachusetts
you are hereby ordered forthwith to Notify and warn the
free holders and other Inhabitants of Fitchburg to Afsem-
ble at the meeting house in s^d Town on munday the ninth
of this Instant July at five OClock in the Afternoon to act
on the following Articles (viz)

1st To chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2 To see what method the Town will come into to git
the Beef that is Emediately demanded of the Town

3 To see whether the Town will indemnify the Con-
ftables in taking the Old Emiffion of money . . .

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant to sum one with you doings theiron to sum one of us at or before s^d time given under our hands and Seals this ninth Day of July 1781—

Daniel Putnam } Selectmen
Afa Perry } of
Oliver Stickney } Fitchburg

Worcester fs July 9th 1781—

By virtue of the within warrant I have warned all the free holders and other Inhabitants according to the within warrant

Phinehas Sawyer Jun^r Conftable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Assembled July 9th 1781—

1st Voted and Chose Cap^t Will^m Thurlo Moderator

2^{ly} Voted that the Committe which was chosen by the Town to purchase the beef, Emediately go out in order to purchase the beef required of this Town by the General Court, and that s^d Committee Engage the pay for s^d beef in three Months

The meeting Difolved

Will^m Thurlo Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[207] (Seal) Worcester: fs: To John Carter One of the Conftable for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting . . . In the name of the Commonwealth of the Maffachufetts you are hereby ordered In due corse of Law to Notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble and meet at the meeting house in s^d Town on Tusday the twenty forth Day of this Instant July at three OClock in the afternoon then and their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1^{ly} To chuse a moderator to Govern s^d meeting . . .

2^{ly} To see what method the town will take to procure the Beef that they are call^d upon for and see what sum or

sums of money they will raife to pay for s^d Beef and what currency they will raife it in

3^{ly} To see What method the Town will take to procure the Clothing they are called upon for, or act any thing upon the above articles as they shall think proper when meet

Hereof Fail not and make return with your doings their on to sum one of us at or before s^d Day given under our hands and Seal this ninth Day of July A D 1781 . .

Daniel Putnam	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Afa Perry	
Oliver Stickney	
Tho ^s Hartwell	

Worcester: fs: In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the meeting house on the Twenty forth Day of July 1781

John Carter Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Affembled July 24th 1781

1^{ly} Voted & chose Cap^t Tho^s Cowdin Moderator

2^{ly} Voted that this meeting be Difolved the meeting Difolved accordingly

Tom^s Cowdin Moderator

Jo^s: Fox Town Clerk

[208] (Seal) Worcester: fs: Phinehas Sawyer Jun^r One of the Conftables for the town of Fitchburg Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts you are hereby ordered in due corse of Law to Notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified by law to vote in Town meetings to Affemble and meet at the meeting house in s^d Town on tusday the forth Day of September next at One OClock in the afternoon then and their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1^{ly} To chose a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see what method to Town will come into for supplying the agent with Beef or act any thing refering there unto

3^{ly} To see what method the Town will take to Support the Rev^d Mr Payson this present year . . .

4^{ly} To see what method the Town will take to support the Poor

5^{ly} To see what method the Town will take to provide schools or any thing refering their unto as they shall think Proper

6^{ly} To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to defray town charges or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

7^{ly} To see what method the Town will take to pay such Debts as the Continental money will not discharge. or act any thing refering their unto as they shall think proper

8^{ly} To see what method the town will take to procure the Clothing Demanded of s^d Town for the Army . .

9^{ly} To see if the Town will allow such accounts as shall be laid before them for services Done for s^d Town . .

10^{ly} To see what method the Town will take to supply The Rev^d Mr Payson with Wood for the year Ensuing

Hereof fail not to make return of your doings thereon to sum one of us at or before s^d Day given under Our hands and Seal this Sixteenth Day of August. 1781 . . .

Afa Perry	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Oliver Stickney	
Thomas Hartwell	

Worcester: fs. August 31st 1781—

by virtue of this warrant I have warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to assemble and meet at the time and place within mentioned
Phinehas Sawyer Jun^r Constable.

[209] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitant of the Town of Fitchburg assembled Sep^t 4th 1781 . . .

1^{ly} Voted and chose Deacon David Goodridge Moderator

2^{ly} Voted that their be a Committee chofen to let out by vendue to the lowest bidder in Small Quantity^s if it will best sute, The Beef required of this Town to supply the Army

3^{ly} Voted that the committee consist of three men . . .

4^{ly} Voted and chose Cap^t Jonathan Wood Cap^t Will^m Thurlo and M^r Kendal Boutell to be the Committee for the above purpose

5^{ly} Voted to raise one hundred pounds in hard money to pay the Reverend M^r Payson his Salery this present year to be in hard money or in produce at the following price^s (viz) Wheat at 9/ p^r bushel. Rye at 6/ p^r bushel Indian corn at 4/ p^r bushel, Labour in the Summer Seafon at at 4/ p^r Day Flax at 1/ p^r pound Pork at 5^d p^r pound Sheeps woll at 2/ p^r pound. Beef at 3½^d p^r pound, and all other produce in propotion £100 — —

6^{ly} Voted to raise Sixty pounds hard Money to hire school Master, Mafters or Miftrefses £60 — —

7^{ly} Voted and Chose M^r Afa Perry Cap^t W^m Thurlo M^r Eph^r Kimball Jun^r M^r John Carter M^r Sam^l Harrifs & M^r Joseph Holt to be the schools Committee to provide school or schools as they shall think proper . . .

8^{ly} Voted that the School money be laid out as ordered by the Town the Last year

9^{ly} Voted to chuse a committee to Examine the Accounts, Notes, orders, &c which the Town is now Indebted and see what hard money must be rais^d to Discharge those Debts agreable to the Scale

10^{ly} Voted that the Selectmen & Town Treafurer be the Committee for the above purpose and make report to the Town

11^{ly} Voted to raise One hundred & fifty pounds to pay neffelsary charges £150 0 0

12^{ly} Voted to raise thirty six pounds to pay for Beef already purchased £36 0 0

13^{ly} Voted to raise Twenty pounds to provide Clothing for the Army which the town is called upon for . 20 — —

14^{ly} Voted Voted to pay M^r Afeph Goodridge Seven pounds thirteen Shillings for finding and Delivering at M^r Paysons house Thirty Cord of good Wood corded up at

his house the Said goodride to begin to git the Wood the first of Decemb^r next £7 13 -

15^{ly} Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the Twenty fifth Day of this Instant Sep^t at one OClock afternoon at this place

[210] Sep^t 25th 1781. The Town meet according to the adjournment and proceeded to bifiness

16^{ly} Voted to raise Forty pounds ten shillings in order to pay for the remainder of the Last Coto of Beef which the Town is called upon for which is 2254 . . £40 10 -

17^{ly} Voted to pafs over the Seventh article in the warrant for the present

18^{ly} Voted to allow Doct^t Thadeus M^c Carty for thirty Days service as an affeisor £4 0 -

19^{ly} Voted to allow M^r Eph^t Kimball Jun^{rs} ac^t which is 3 8 -

20^{ly} Voted to allow M^r Afa Perry his ac^t which is 1 4 0

21^{ly} Voted to allow Cap^t Jonathan Wood for service done the Town 2 16 -

22^{ly} Voted to allow M^r Tho^s Kimbool for p^r Shoes . . 0 8 -

23^{ly} Voted to allow M^r Afa Perry^s a^t which is 1 19 -

24^{ly} Voted to allow Deacon Thurstin^s ac^t which is . . 0 9 -

25^{ly} Voted to allow Cap^t Tho^s Hartwell^s ac^t which is 2 14 -

26^{ly} Voted to allow M^r Elijah Carter^s ac^t which is . . 3 19 8

27^{ly} Voted to allow M^r Daniel Putnam^s ac^t . . - 6 0

28^{ly} Voted to allow M^r David Parce^s ac^t which is . . 0 16 -

29^{ly} Voted to allow Cap^t Tho^s Hartwell^s ac^t which is 0 8 0

30^{ly} Voted to allow Cap^t Sam^l Burbank^s a^t which is 1 0 7

31^{ly} Voted to allow Joseph Fox for serving as Town Treafurer for the the year 1780 4 10 0

32^{ly} Voted to allow Cap^t Thurlo for service done the Town as Selectman and Affeisor for the year 1780 . 2 10 8

33^{ly} Voted to allow M^r Elijah Garfield for service as a Committee man going to Boston to hire hard money for the Towns use 0 17 4

34^{ly} Voted to allow M^r W^m Brown for service as a committee man, going to Boston to hire hard money for the Towns use 0 17 4

35^{ly} Voted to allow Cap^t Tho^s Cowdin for serving as Town Treafurer five months in the year 1778 and the whole of the year 1779 and as a Committee man to hire Soldiers for the army 6 12 —

36^{ly} Voted to allow Cap^t Reuben Gibson^s ac^t which is 0 12 0

37^{ly} Voted to allow Joseph Fox for Serving Seven months as Treafurer in the year 1778 2 10 —

[211] 38^{ly} Voted to allow M^r Sam^l Davis his ac^t for Opening and Sweeping the meeting house Eighteen months to this present time £1 4 0

39^{ly} Voted to Raise One hundred and twenty nine pounds to Defray town Charges 129 0 0

40^{ly} Voted that this be Defolved

David Goodridge Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Fitchburg December 25th 1781—

This may certify whome it may concern that the following persons is Licenced by us the Subscribers to Sell Tea agreeable to the act of the General Court Pased Nov^r 1st 1781—(viz) John Solley Esq^r W^m Hichborn Esq^r & Joseph Fox

Daniel Putnum } Selectmen
Oliver Stickney } of
Tho^s Hartwell } Fitchburg

(Seal) Worcester Is: To Phinehas Sawyer Jun^r one of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting: In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maffachusetts you are hereby ordered in due corse of Law to notify and warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in town meetings to affemble and meet at the meeting house in s^d Town on

munday the Thirty first Day of this instant December at twelve OClock on s^d Day then and their being Duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1^y To chose a Moderator to Govern s^d meeting . .

2^y To see what method the Town will take to procure the beef that should have ben provided last year that is now Demanded

3^y To see what method the Town will take in further, instructing the old Conftables and if the Town will give them any orders how to Collect the Taxes that are behind in the Delinquant Conftables hands that was raised in Continental money or act any thing refering thereto as they shall think proper when meet

Hereof fail not to make return of your doings thereon to sum one of us at or before s^d Day given under Our hands and Seal this Seventeenth Day of December A D 1781

Daniel Putnum	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Afa Perry	
Oliver Stickney	
Tho ^s Hartwell	

Worcester fs. Decemb^r 28th 1781—

By virtue of this warrent I have notifyed & warnd the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place with in mentioned . .

Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r Conftable

[212] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled December 29th 1781—

1^y Voted and Chose Cap^t Reuben Gibfon Moderator

2^y Voted that the Selectmen procure the beef that is behind when it is Demanded

3^y Voted that M^r Phinehas Hartwell and M^r Daniel Farwell Conftables for the year 1780 shall collect what is delinquent in their hands at the rate of one Silver Doller for Seventy five Dollers, as it stands set Down in their Lists

4^y Voted that the other Delinquent Conftables shall Colect what what is in their hands uncollected according

to the Scale of Depreciation when s^d money was ordered to be paid into the Treafurer

5^{ly} Voted that this meeting be Difolved

Reuben Gibson Moderator

Daniel Putnum Clerk protemporary

A true copy from the minutes attest

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester: fs To John Carter One of the Con-
stables for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—By a request
to us for a number of the Inhabitants of s^d Town we in
the Name of this Commonwealth do require you forthwith
in due Corse of Law to notify and warn all the freeholders
and other Inhabitants of s^d Town Quallified by Law to
vote in Town meetings to affemble and meet at the meet-
ing house in s^d Town on Friday the Eight Day of Febru-
ary next at twelve OClock on s^d Day then and their being
duly meet and form^d to act on the following articles (viz

1^{ly} To chuse a moderator to govern s^d meeting

2^{ly} To see how much value the old paper Currency
stood at for purchasing articles or paying demands for
which it was affesed for in each Rate at the time they
become payable and at what number of Dollers they pur-
chased the articles they were designed for which yet
remains in the hands of Phinehas Hartwell & Daniel Far-
well Constable that is not collected for the better under-
standing of the Inhabitants of s^d Town or act any thing
thereon as they shall think proper—

3^{ly} To see what value the Silver money is at now in
purchasing the same articles & paying the Towns Debts
that a Just estimation be made between the Silver and
the old paper Currency in propotion to its value in pur-
chasing the same articles or paying Just demands that
the creditor may receive his Just reward & the Debter be
not injered or act any thing thereon as they shall think
proper when meet—

[213] 4^{ly} To see what may be done with regard to
the old paper Currency that Each person paid into the
Constable after the value was Dead as to purchasing the

articles & paying the Debts asseſed for, that is now ſtored in the Treafurers hands to the Damage of ſaid Town or act any thing thereon as they ſhall think proper—

5th To ſee if the Town will take into conſideration their paper money Debts and the Notes given for Corn and Settle them in Silver money or give Security for them that a Settlement may be made that the Town may know what Standing they are upon . . .

6^{ly} To ſee what the Town will allow to Phinehas Hartwell and Daniel Farwell Conſtables, for their Service for collecting the Taxes in their hands or act any thing thereon as they ſhall think proper—

7^{ly} To ſee how the Town will Settle with the Soldiers that was hire^d to go into the Service for three months the Laſt campaign and have notes for the Same & did not march . . .

8^{ly} To ſee if the Town will make any conſideration for a Note that Cap^t Gibſon gave to Abraham Willard for going into the Continential Service for ſix months or act any thing thereon as they ſhall think proper—

9^{ly} To ſee if the Town will abate any perſon or perſons Rates that is in any of the Conſtables hands or any part of their rates or act any thing thereon as they ſhall think proper . . .

Hereof Fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ſum one of us at or before ſaid Day given under Our hands and Seal this Twenty fifth Day of Januery 1782—

Daniel Putnum	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Afa Perry	
Oliver Stickney	
Thomas Hartwell	

Worceſter ſs Febr^y y^e 8th 1782

By virtue of and agreeable to the within warrant I have Notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified By Law to vote, to aſſemble at time and place and for the purpoſes within Mentioned

John Carter Conſtable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Assembled February 8th 1782

1^{ly} Voted and chose M^r Kendal Boutell Moderator

2^{ly} Voted that the Selectmen & Town Treasurer be a committe to take under consideration the fifth article in the warrant and make report at sum futer meeting . . .

3^{ly} Voted to chuse a committee to see how they can settle with the three months men that was hire^d to go to west point and did not march

4^{ly} Voted & chose Cap^t Tho^s Cowdin M^r Elijah Garfield & M^r Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r to be the committee for the above purpose

5^{ly} Voted to abate Afa Rufsells Rates in Jonathan Holts List it being Twenty shillings

[214] 6^{ly} Voted to abate Adam Colwells Rates in Jonath Holts List it being Twenty One shillings two pence three farthings

7^{ly} Voted that this meeting be adjourned to munday the Eighteenth of this Instant Febr^y at One OClock in the afternoon at this place

February 18th 1782 The Town meet according to adjorment

8^{ly} Voted to Difmifs M^r Kendal Boutell as moderator

9^{ly} Voted and Chose M^r Daniel Putnum Moderator in the rome of M^r Kendal Boutell difmisd

10^{ly} Voted to Chuse a Committee to take under consideration the Second article in the warrant

11^{ly} Voted & Chose M^r Phinehas Hartwell Capt Tho^s Cowdin & M^r David M^c Intire to be the committe for the above purpose

12^{ly} Voted that the above Committee take under consideration the 3rd & 4th articles in the warrant together with the Second article and make their report at the next March meeting

13^{ly} Voted that the above committee take under consideration the 5th article in the warrant and the Towns paper money Debts & Corn Notes and take up the Towns notes and Settle them at as cheap a Rate as they can and give their Security for it in the Towns behalf and that the committe make report of their doings the next march meeting

14^{ly} Voted that Mr Phinehas Hartwell and Mr Daniel Farwell Conftables for the year 1780 pay into the Town Treafurer Twelve Dollers Each and that the above Conftables shall be paid Twenty five shillings upon the hundred pounds for that they shall collect. what is already collected in paper money is to be reckned in paper money but they to be paid according to the Scale

15^{ly} Voted to pafs over the 8th article in the warrant

16^{ly} Voted to pafs over the 9th article in the warrant

17^{ly} Voted that this meeting be Difolved

Daniel Putnum Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[215] (Seale) Worcefter fs To mr Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r one of the Cunstable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

These are in the Name of the Common welth of Maffachufets to will & require you forthwith to notify & warn the freholders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to affemble & meet at the meeting house in s^d Fitchburgh on monday the forth Day of march next at Nine O Clock in the fore noon then & their being duely met and formd to act on the following artcles (viz) . . .

1^{ly} To chose a moderator to Govern s^d meeting . .

2^{ly} To Chose Select men & other Town officers for the year enfuing as the Law directs . . .

3^{ly} To axcept any roads or high ways that have ben laid out by the Select men or their order . . .

4^{ly} To See what Sum or Sums of money the Town will raise to keep the high ways in repare and see in what method it shall be workd out the year infuing . .

5^{ly} To See who will take mrs Hart and Suport her the year enfuing and for what Sum of money . . .

6^{ly} To See if the Town will abate any prfons Rates on any List Committed to any Conftable or any part

7^{ly} To See if the Town will vote the Swine to go at large the Enfuing year under the Regulation of the Law

8^{ly} To See if the Town will fence the burying yard or agree with any person to do it or act any thing as they shall think proper

9^{ly} To See if the Town will allow aney a Counts Shall be laid before them for Services done s^d Town . . .

10^{ly} To See what the Town will do with the axes shovels & Pick axes that was purchased by the town and was Stord with Cap^t Cowdin or act aney thing thereon as they shall think proper

Here of faile not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to Som one of us at or before s^d Day Given under our hands & Seale this fiftenth of Februry A D 1782

Daniel Putnam	} Select men of Fitchburgh
Afa Perry	
oliver Stickne	
Tho ^s Hartwell	

[216] Worcester fs March the 4 1782

by virtue of This warrant I have warnd all the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifid by Law to vote in Town meetings to affemble & meet at the time & place with in mentned

Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r Conftable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh affembled march the 4 1782

1^{ly} Voted and chofe Decon Goodridge moderator

2^{ly} Voted to Chose three Select men for the year En-
fuing

3^{ly} Voted & Chose Capt Thos Cowdin mr oliver
Stickne & mr Ephraim Kimball Select men

4^{ly} Voted and mr oliver Stickne mr Ephraim Kimball
& mr John Thurfton Affefsors

5^{ly} Voted & Chose Cap^t Thos Cowdin . Town Clerk

6^{ly} Voted & Chose Cap^t Tho^s Cowdin Town Treasurer

7^{ly} Voted & Chose Jofeph Fox Cunftable for the South
Side of the Town Cunstable

8^{ly} Voted & Chose mr Jacob Upton Cunftable for the
North Side Cunstable

9^{ly} Voted to Chuse two Collicters to Collect the
money that Shall be Affesed the Enfuing year The Con-
ftables that is chofe (viz) Jofeph fox & mr Jacob Upton

they paying into the Treasurer ten Dolars Each the old way Shall Excuse them for Serving as Collectors

10^{ly} Voted that the Collectors that Shall be Chosen shall Give bonds to the Town if Requird for the Sums Delivrd them to Collect

11^{ly} Voted & Chose Cap^t Samuel Burbank . . Collector South Side

and that he Shall have Twenty Eight Shilings upon Evry hundred pound he Shall Collect . Collector north Side

12^{ly} Voted & chose mr Joseph Phelps Collector north Side and he Shall have Twenty Eight Shilings [217] upon Evrey hundred pound he Shall Collect

13^{ly} Voted & chose mr James Walker & mr Afa Perry Tythingmen

14^{ly} Voted and chose Cap^t Jonathan Wood mr Hezekiah Hodgkins Lieu^t Kindall Boutall mr amos ordway mr Jacob Gibson mr aaron Eaton mr John Carter mr Joseph Polley & Cap^t Thos Cowdin to be Survaers of high Wayes Suvaers of high Ways

15^{ly} Voted & chose mr David Whitemore mr Hezekiah Hodgkins mr Jonathan Wares & mr William Beene hog revees hog revees

16^{ly} Voted & Chose mr Jofhua Parce & mr Joseph Gray fier Wards

17^{ly} Voted and chose mr James Walker . . Surver of Clabords & Shingles

18^{ly} Voted & Chose Cap^t Jonathan Wood Survaer of hups & Staves hups & Staves

19^{ly} Voted & chose mr oliver Brown . . Seler of Lether

20^{ly} Voted & chose mr David Parce . . . Seler of waits & meflers

21^{ly} Voted to Raise one hundred Pounds repare the high Ways & Bridges in this Town for the year Enfuing

22^{ly} Voted to alow the persons for their work Each Day upon the high ways their Cattle & other utentials the Same prife as was alowd them in the year 1774 . . .

23^{ly} Voted that the Survaers See that their Rates be workt out by the Last of Septembr next

24^{ly} Voted that the Surveyors of high Ways return their Lifts of Tax to the affeßors by the Laft of Septer next and thofe perfons that then hath not payd their Rates Shall be aded to their next Town Tax

25^{ly} Voted to abate John muges Rates in mr James Paterfons Lift it being two pounds Sixteen Shilings and Seven pence £2 16-7

26^{ly} Voted to abate mr Ephraim Kimball pole tax in mr James Paterfons List it beng 31-2-0

27^{ly} Voted to Give mr Thos Stearns Twelve pounds to Suport Mrs Hart one whole year and so in proportion if She should not Live the year out 12 0-0

[218] 28^{ly} Voted to adjorn this meeting to the twentyeth Day of this Infant march at one O Clock in the after noon at this place

Joseph fox Town Clerk

March the 20 1782 the Town meet acording to the adjornment and preceeded to bifnes

29^{ly} Voted to abate Samuel Harrifes Rates in mr Phinehas Sawyers Lift 10/3 00 10 3

30^{ly} Voted to abate one third of Cap^t Thos Hutchisons tax on his Real Eftate in Daniel farwells List and the paper tax in Cap^t Samuel Burbank Lift

31^{ly} Voted Let the Swine Go at Large under the Regulation of the Law

32^{ly} Voted to fence the Burying yard

33^{ly} Voted to Chuese a Committe for the above purpose

34^{ly} Voted and Chofe m^r Afa Perrey & John Goodridge Afeph Goodridge to be a Committe to fence the Burying yard with a Good Stone Wall and Git the Wall Bult as Cheap as they Can

35^{ly} Voted to alow mr Joseph Walker his a Count which is £1-0-0 paid

36^{ly} Voted to alow oliver Stickne his a Count which is x5 16-0 paid

37^{ly} Voted to alow Daniel Putnam his a Count which is x6-4-0 paid

38^{ly} Voted to alow Afa Perrey his a Count which is x5-4-0 paid

39^{ly} Voted to alow Thos Hartwell his a Count which
is x5 16 0 paid

40^{ly} Voted to alow Jofeph Fox his a Count which
is x9 3 5 paid

41^{ly} Voted and Chofe Thos Cowdin to Sell the Towns
Shovels and axes & pick axes at a vandue to the highest
Bidder

42^{ly} Voted and axcepted mr Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r to
Serve as Cunstable in mr Jofeph Foxes Rume mr fox pay-
ing twelve Silver Dolars to the Town Treasurer

[219] 43^{ly} Voted to abate Abner Livermors Rates
in James Paterfons List which is in paper money . £17 9 0

44^{ly} Voted to abate forty one pounds of Jonas Kin-
dalls tax in mr Daniel farwells Lift paper money . £41-0-0

This Town meeting Disolvd

David Goodridge moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Fitchburgh Febnery the 25 1782

Laid a Road Begining at Thos Thurftons Land runing
Southerdly Eighty one rods on John Thurftons Land on
william Haskell East Line til it Coms to Phnehas Hart-
wells Land so Runing on s^d Hartwells til it Comes to a
Certain Red oak tree mark on the Westerdly Side then
Turns South West on s^d Hartwells Land thirteen Rods to
a Town Road

The Town Voted to accept the above Describd Road
So far as the Red oak if Given

Daniel Putnam	} Select men for Fitchburg
oliver Stickne	
Thos Hartwell	
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk	

Fitchburgh may the 9 1783 David maccentier herby
notfys the Select men of the Town of Fitchburgh that he
hath taken into his house Capt Samuel Bradford and
marey his wife and two Children namely Debbe & fancy
who Came from hampfhier State Which we the Selectmen
of s^d Town Refuse to admit as Inhabitents of s^d Town

the said Capt Bradford Came in to town the 28 Day
of march 1783

	Oliver Stickney	} Select men for Fitchburgh
	Thos Steans	
	John Thursten Jur	
A True Coppey	Thos Cowdin Town Clerk	

[220] (Seal) Worcester Is To mr Phinehas Sawyer
Jur Cunstable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

These are in the Name of the Common welth of the
massachusetts Bay to will & requier you forth with to
notify & warn all the free holders & other Inhabitents of
the Town of Fitchburgh qualified by Law to vote in Town
meetings to assemble & meet at the meeting house in s^d
Town of Fitchburgh on Wensday the 20 Day of this
Instant march at one O Clock in the afternoon then and
their being Duely meet and form'd to act on the following
artcles that is

1^{ly} to Chose a moderator to Govern s^d meeting . . .

2^{ly} to See what method the Town will take Respect-
ing the old paper money that remains un Collected and
See whether the Town will axcept of the Report of their
Committee Chose to Estimate the value of the old paper
money or vote aney thing Refering there to as they shall
think proper

3^{ly} to See what method the Town will take to Raise
Soldiers for the futter or vote aney thing Refering there to
as they shall think proper

4^{ly} to Take under their Consideration Capt Ruben
Gibsons Request Concerning his note Given to mr Abraham
Willard for fifty Buflhels of Ry or vote aney thing Refering
there to as they Shall think proper

5^{ly} to See whether the Town will Chuse a Committe
to Settle with the Late Town Treasurer mr Joseph fox . .

Here of faile not and make Return of this warrant to
Som one of us at or before the time above mentned Given
under our hands & Seale this Sixth Day of march A D
1782

Thos Cowdin	} Select men for Fitchburgh
Ephraim Kimball	

Worcester fs—20th March 1782

By Virtue of this warrant I have warn'd all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the time & Place within mentioned

Phin. Sawyer Jun^r Conftable

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[221] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburgh afsembl'd march 20th 1782

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1^{stly} Voted and chofe M^r Daniel Putnam Moderator

2^{dly} Voted not to accept the report of the Committee chofen by the town to Estimate the Value of the old Paper money

3^{dly} Voted to Claſs to raiſe the 4 men now demanded for three years

4^{thly} Voted to adjourn the 4th Article 'till the firſt Day of April reſpecting Cap^t Reuben Gibſon's request . .

5^{thly} Voted to chuſe a Committe to ſettle with M^r Fox late town treafurer

6^{thly} Voted and chofe M^r Phineas Hartwell, M^r Daniel Putnam & m^r Phineas Sawyer Jun^r as a Committee to ſettle with the Town Treafurer

7^{ly} Voted to adjourn this town meeting to the firſt monday of April next at three O'Clock in the afternoon at the meeting houſe in ſ^d Town

p^r Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

April firſt. 1782 the town met according to adjournment and the meeting open'd and proceeded to the buſineſs of the Town

8^{thly} Voted to paſs over the fourth Article reſpecting Capt Gibſon's request, and to have that article infered in the next warrant for a Town meeting

9^{thly} Voted and accepted of the Town's accounts as they ſtand ſettled by the Towns Committee, as they appear on the Towns Treafurer's Book

This meeting diſolv'd . . Daniel Putman Moderator

Thos. Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worcester fs To mr Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r one of the Cunstabls for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

In the name of the Common welth of the mafsachusetts you are herby Requird to notify in Due Corfe of Law agreable to the Constitution the free holders & other Inhabitents qualified there by to vote for the officers here after mentned to afsemble & meet at the meeting house in s^d Town on monday the first day of april next at 2 o Clock in the after noon then & their being Duely meet & formd . . .

1^{ly} to Vote for a Governer

2^{ly} for a Liut Governer

[222] 3^{ly} for five Senators

4^{ly} to See if the Town will Take notis of the Letter Sent from Hardwick Committe to the Sselect men Respect- ing Sending a Deligat to Worcester to Confider on the Greavencies the County of Worcester Labors under or vote aney thing Refering there to as the Town Shall Think Proper

Here of faile not & make Return of this Warrent to fome one of us with your Dowings there on at or before s^d Day Given under our hands & Seale this fifteenth Day of march A D 1782

Thos Cowdin	} Select men for Fitchburgh
Ephraim Kimball	

Worcester fs frst of april 1782

by vertue of this warrant I have warnd the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh to afsemble and meet at the time & place & for the purpose with in mentned

Phinehas Sawyer Cunftabl

Att a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh afsembled april the 1 1782

Tho^s Cowdin Town Clerk

1^{ly} Voted and Chose his Exelency John Hancock Esq Governer of the Common welth Sixteen vots . . 16

2^{ly} for the Honorable James Bodwine Esq . . . 3 vots
 for the Honorable Samuel Holten Esq Liut
 Governor Seventeen vots 17 vots
 for the Honorable Thos Cufhen Esq Liut
 Governor 7 vots

[223] 3^{ly} Voted for five Senators that is for
 Samuel Baker Esq 21 vots
 for Samuel Curties Esq 21 vots
 for the Honorable moses Gill Esq . . . 16 vots
 for Dr William Dinsmoor Esq 17 vots
 for Col^o Seth Wafhburn 16 vots
 for Ifrael Nichols Esq 11 vots
 for Judge Dar Esq 5 vots

A True Copy attest Select men for fitchburgh

Thos Cowdin { Select men
 Ephraim Kimball } for
 Fitchburgh
 Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

4^{ly} Voted to Send a Deligat to meet the Convention
 to be held at Worcefter the 2 Tuefday of april Instant

2^{ly} Voted and Chofe mr David macentier to attend
 the Convention at Worcefter

Thos Cowdin { Select men
 Eph^m Kimball } for
 Fitchburgh
 Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcefter fs To mr Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r one
 of the Cunftables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

Thefe are in the name of the Goverment and People
 of the State of Mafsachufetts Bay to will and requier you
 forthwith to notify the Free holders and other Inhabitents
 of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualifyd by the new Conftitu-
 tion to vote for a Representative to afsemble & meet at
 the meeting house in s^d Fitchburgh on Thurfday the Six-
 teenth Day of may next at one O Clock in the afternoon
 to Elect & Depute a proper Perfon to Represent them in
 the Grate & General Coart to be Convend and held at
 the State house in Bofton on the Laft wendefday of may
 next or act aney thing there as they Shall think proper

Here of faile not & make Due return of this warrant with your Doings there on to to Som one of us at or before s^d Day

Given under our hands and Seale this Twenty forth Day of april 1782

Thos Cowdin } Select men
oliver Stickne } for
Eph^m Kimball } Fitchburg

[224] Worcester fs may the 14 1782

by Virtue of this warrant I have Warnd all the free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh to meet at the Time and place within mentned—

Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r Consta^{bl}

at a Legall meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled may the 16 1782

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1^{ly} Voted and Chose Capt Thos Cowdin to Serve & Represent the Town of Fitchburgh in the Grate & Generall Coart & the said Capt Thos Cowdin herby orderd to attend the the Grate & General Coart to be held on the Laft wensday of this Instant may— & then the Town meetng was Difolvd

Thos Cowdin } Select men
oliver Stickne } for
Eph^m Kimball } Fitchburg

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

The Town of Fitchburgh voted the Refolves of the Late Convention held at Worcester april & may 16th 1782 be the Representative Instructions & the s^d Representative Govern himSelf accordingly

(Seale) Worcester fs To Phinahas Sawyer Ju^r one of the Cunstabels for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

These are in the name of the Goverment and People of the Commonwelth of the Mafsechufeets Bay to will and require you to notify and warne all the freeholders and other inhabitence of the Town of Fitchburgh, qualify'd by Law to afsemble and meet at the Meeting house on

thursday the Sixteenth day of May next at three O Clock in the afternoon then and thair to act on the following articals—

1^{ly} To Chuse a moderator to Govarn s^d meeting—

2^{ly} To See what the Town will Do Concerning Cap^t Reuben Gibbons note he gave Abraham Willard for fifty Bushels of Rye or act any thing there on as they shall think proper—

[225] 3^{ly} To see whether the Town will except of the perfons names put into the jury Boxes for jury men or act any thing thair on as they shall think proper—

4^{ly} To Take into Consideration what method the Town will think best to Come into to pay thair Corn notes Given to the soldirs now in the pofession of other perfons or act any thing there on as they shall think proper—

5^{ly} To see if the Town will appoint Som person to give Security in the Towns behalf for Debts which Can not be now settled by the Treafurer or act any thing thair as they shall think proper—

6^{ly} To approve or Difapprove of the old Committee to hire soldires or act any thing their on as they shall think proper—

Hear off fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings there on to some one of us at or before the day above mentioned Given under our hands and seals this 26 Day of april A D 1782.

Worcester fs May 14th 1782

by Virtue of the above Warrent I have warn'd the free holders and other inhabitence of the Town of Fitchburgh to meet at the time and place above mention'd

Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r Cunstable

Tho ^s Cowdin	{	Select Men for Fitchburgh
Olaver Stickney		
Eph ^m Kimball		

[226] at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of Town of Fitchburgh Afsembled May the 16 1782 . . .

1^{ly} Voted and Chose Decon David Goodridge modera-
tor

2^{ly} after hering Cap^t Ruben Gibson Request and the Debates there on Confering a note the s^d Capt Ruben Gibson Gave to Abraham Willard for 50 bufhels of Rye then the Town Voted that they Would not pay the s^d note nor now parte of s^d note Given for the 50 bufhels of Rye—

3^{ly} Voted not to axcept of the Lift of Juremen but orderd a new Lift to be made out by the Select men

4^{ly} Voted to pass over the 4 artele in the Warrant

5^{ly} Voted that the Town Tresurer Give notes of hand in behalf of the Town upon Intrest for Dets Due & to persons that have Got the Towns notes in their hand not upon Intrest

6^{ly} Voted and Dismist the Committe that was Chose to hier Coantinantell Solders

This Town meeting Difolvd

David Goodridge moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worcester fs To m^r Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r one of the Cunftables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

you are herby Requird in the name of the Government and people of the Common welth of the mafsechufets Bay to notify and warne all the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh to afsemble & meet at the meeting house on fryday the 23 Day of this Instant august at 2 O Clock in the after noon then & their being Duely meet & formd to act on the following arteles . . .

1^{ly} to Chuefe a moderator to Govern s^d meeting . . .

2^{ly} To See what method the Town will take in Respect or or Regard of the Towns being Sud by James Danforth for a note the Select meen gave s^d Danforth for a number of Bu fhels of Corn or act aney thing there on as they Shall think proper

[227] 3^{ly} to See if the Town will take aney noties of the Siculer leters Sent to the Town by the Generall Coart or act aney thing there on as they Shall think proper

4^{ly} to See if the Town will Give the Colectors or Cunftable aney further orders Respecting the Remaindor of the moneys that Remains in their hands or Give the Town

Treasurer aney further orders as to Collecting the Remander of the money that is Stil un Collected

Here of fale not and make Return of this warent to Som one of us the Subscribers at or before the Day a bove mentned Given under our hands & Seale this Eighth Day of august and in the Seventh year of our Independanc A D 1782

Thos Cowdin { Select meen
oliver Stickne { for
Eph^m Kimball { Fitchburg

Worcester fs august the 19 1782

by vartue of this warrant I have warnd all the free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh to asemble and meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentned

Phinehas Sawyer Jun^r Cunstable

at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh assembled august the 23 1782

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1^{ly} voted and Chose mr Phinehas Hartwell moderator

2^{ly} voted that those persons that are indeted to the Colectors may pay their taxes In befe to Defray the Corn note Given to James Danforth (or other neet Catle)

3^{ly} voted that the Select men notify mr Eph^m farebanks the Reafon that the Town hath not asfed the Tax which he the s^d farebank was Defird to Collect by Signing a Leter Seting forth the Reason of the Delay

4^{ly} voted that their be Given to the Collectors one weke from this Day to Collect money or Catle to Defray the Towns Debts: then if those persons will not make payment—then the Colectors or Cunstables are orderd to make Distrefs with out Delay

This Town meeting Difolved

Phinehas Hartwell moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[228] (Seal) Worcester fs.

To Mr Phinehas Sawyer Jun^r one of the Constables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting—In the name of the

Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby order'd in due Courfe of Law to Notify & warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualified by law to Vote in Town Meetings to Afsemble & meet at the Meeting houfe in s^d Town on Monday the Sixteenth Day of this Instant September at one O'Clock in the Afternoon then & there being duly met & form'd to Act on the following Articles—Viz—

1st To Chooſe a Moderator to Govern s^d Meeting

2^{dly} To See What method the Town Will take to Support the Rev^d M^r Payſon the year enſuing or vote any thing referring thereto as they Shall think proper—

3^{dly} To ſee what method the Town will take to ſupport the Poor or Vote any thing thereon as they ſhall think proper

4^{thly} To ſee what method the Town will take to provide Schools or Vote any referring thereto as they ſhall think proper—

5^{thly} To ſee what Sum or Sums of Money the town will raiſe to defray Town Charges or Vote any thing thereon as they ſhall think proper

6^{thly} To ſee if the Town will allow ſuch accounts as ſhall be laid before them for ſervices done for s^d town

7^{thly} To ſee what method the town will take to Supply th Rev^d M^r Payſon oth Wood or Vote any thing thereon as they Shall think proper

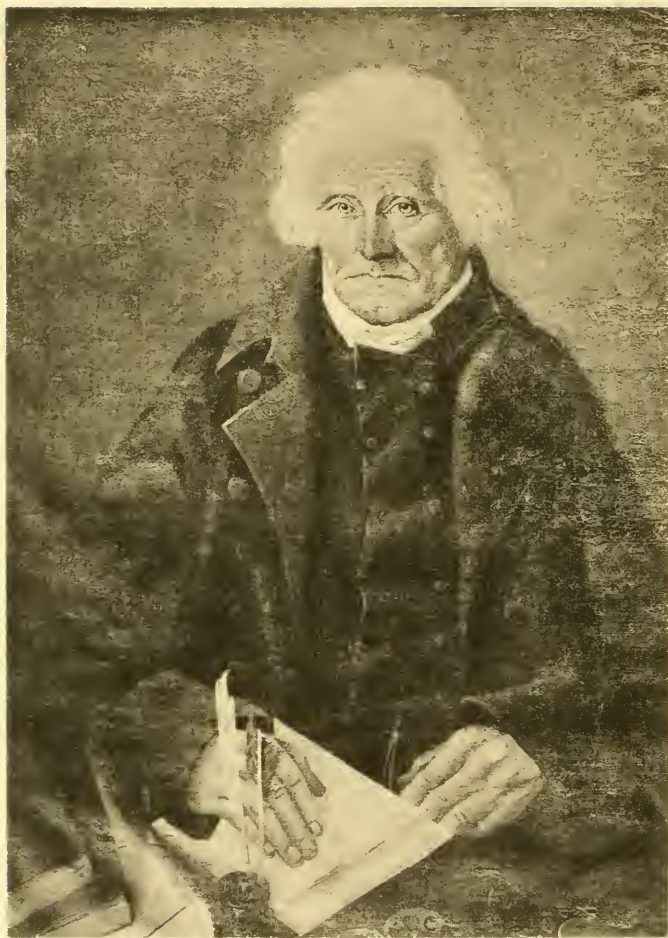
Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant to ſome one of Us at or before the Day above mentioned Given Under our hands & Seal this Second Day of September A D: 1782— & in the Seventh Year of the Independance of America

Tho ^s Cowdin	}	Selectmen for Fitchburgh
Oliver Stikney		
Eph ^m Kimball		

Worceſter ſs September 9th 1782

By Virtue of this Warrant I have warn'd all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to aſſemble and meet at the time & Place & for the Purpoſes within mentioned

P. Sawyer Jun^r Conſtable



Joseph Fox

[229] At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the
Town of Fitchburg assembled September the 16—1782—
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1^{ly}—Voted and Chose M^r Daniel Putnam Moderator

2^{ly}—Voted to Raise One Hundred Pounds in silver
Money or Produe as it was raied last Year to pay the
Rev^d M^r Payson his Sallery £100,, —,—

3^d—Voted—to Raise £12 to pay Tho^s Starns
to support M^{rs} Hart one whole Year
& fo in proportion 12,, —,—

4^{ly}—Voted—to Raise—Sixty pounds to provide
Schools 60,, —,—

5^{ly}—Voted—to have Six Men for School Com-
mitte—

6^{ly}—Voted—& Chose Joseph Fox Esq^r—M^r
Thomas Stearns—M^r David McIntire
M^r Eben^t Bridge—M^r David Parce and
M^r John Putnam for s^d Committee—

7^{ly} Voted each Quarter of the Town have thier
proportion of the school Money and
lay s^d money out as the Committe shall
think Propper for the benifit of the
school—

8^{ly} Voted not to Raise any Money on the 5th
Article in the Warrent—

9^{ly} Voted and allowd Daniel farwell his a Count £6 8
Voted to allow—Tho^s Hartwell his Acco^t 3,,15,,—
Voted & allowd—Cap^t Sam^l Burbanks
Acco^t ,,16,,2
Voted & allowd—David M^c Intires Acco^t . 2,,14,,—
Voted & allowd—Kindal Boutells Acco^t . ,, 6,,—
Voted & allowd— D^o — d^o . . ,, 7,,—
Voted & allowd—Joseph Downs Acco^t . . ,, 8,,—
Voted & allowd—Sam^l Harris d^o . . . ,, 4,,—
Voted & allow'd—Jacob Fullams d^o . . . ,, 4,,—
Voted & allowd—John Osborns d^o . . . ,, 8,,—
Voted & allowd—Jefse Frenchs d^o . . . ,, 7,,—
Voted & allowd—Hez^k Hodgkins d^o . . . 1,, 4,,6
Voted & allow'd—David Goodells d^o . . . ,,16,,6
Voted & allow'd—Jn^o Farwells d^o . . . ,, 8,,4

Voted & allowd—Jn ^o Carters	d ^o . . .	„ 6,,—
Voted & allowd—Tho ^s Cowdin Jun ^r	d ^o . . .	„ 4,,—
Voted & allowd—Joseph & Eleaz ^r Bald-		
wins Accot ^t		„ 8,,—
Voted & allowd—D. S. Locke D ^o		„ 10,,4
Voted & allowd—Thomas Cowdins d ^o . . .		3,, 8,,4

Carr^d forward—

[230] Bro ^t forward	£	„ „
Voted and Allow'd Tho ^s Stearns Accot ^t . .		„ 2,,—
Voted & allowd—James Pools d ^o		„ 3,,—
Voted & allowd—Oliver Stickney		„ 4,,—
Voted & allowd—Dan ^l Harris		„ 4,,—
Voted & allowd—Deacon Thirston an Accot ^t		
due to Abijah Page for Boarding Sewil		
Harrington	2,,	2,,8
Voted & Allowd—Elijah Garfields Accot ^t .	1,,	6,,8
Voted & Allowd—W ^m Danforths— d ^o . . .		„ 2,,—
10 ^{ly} Voted to allow Cap ^t Jon ^a Wood for pro-		
viding Thirty Chords Good Wood & de-		
liver the same At the Rev ^d Mr Paysons		
Dwelling House	8,,	—,,—
This Town Meeting Dissolved—		

Dan^l Putnam Moderator
Tho^s Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester fs To mr Phinehas Sawyer Jun^r one
of The Cunstablers for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

In the name of the Goverment & People of this Com-
mon welth you are herby Requird to notify and warn all
the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of
Fitchburgh qualifyd by law to vote in Town meetings to
asemble and meet at the meetinghouse in s^d Town on
thurfsday the twenty sixth Day of this Instant December
at one O Clock in the after noon then and their being Duely
met and formd to act on the folowing artcles that is . .

1^{ly} to Chuse a moderator to Govern s^d meeting

2^{ly} to See what method the Town will take Respecting
the forth Clafs that was Deficant in hiring a Contnantel
Solder & as the Grate and Generall Coart hath Relin-

quished the fine as will apeare by their Refolvs of october 7 1782 or act aney thing Refering to Either of the foure Clafes as they Shall think proper

3^{ly} to See if the Town will pay mr Samuel Herrick Six Dolars for his Expences for Stoping three Rits which was Drawn a Gainst the Town for what was his Due from the Town upon James Danforth^s note & other Ritings s^d Herrick had a gainst f^d town which the Select men promist to pay—provided f^d Herrick would Stope s^d Sute

[231] 4^{ly} to See what method the Town will take Respecting mr Jonas Kindall being over tax or vote any thing there on as they Shall think think proper

5^{ly} to See if the Town will Chuefe wardens a Cording to the late act of the Generall Coarts—or vote aney thing there on as they Shall think proper

Here of faile not and make Return of this warrant to some one of us at or before the Time above mentnid— Given under our hands & Seale this tenth Day of December A D 1782 and in the seventh year of the Independanc of america

Thos Cowdin	} Select men for Fitchburgh
Oliver Stickney	
Eph ^m Kimball	

Worcester fs December the 19 1782

by Vartue of this warrant I have warnd all the free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh to assemble & meet at the Time and Place within mentned
Phinehas Sawyer J^{ur} Cunstable

at a legall meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh assembled December the 26 1782

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1^{ly} voted and Chose mr Daniel Putnam moderator
2 voted to pafs over the third artcle in the warrant for y^e present

3^d Voted to pafs over fourth Article for the present

4th Voted that the Afsefsors go & view M^r Jonas Kindalls land and improvments that lies in the Town of

Fitchburgh & make such alterations as they shall think proper in the Valuation in order to see that s^d Kindall Hath Justice done him as to his Taxes

5th Voted and Chose M^r W^m Brown & Lieut Kindall Bowtwell Wardens

6th Voted and adjourn'd this meeting 'till the second day of January 1783 at one O'Clock P. M. . . .

Tho^s Cowdin Town Clerk

[232] 1783

January 2^d The Town met according to their adjournment and open'd the meeting and proceeded to act on the other Articles not acted upon mentioned in the Warrant

7th Voted that M^r Joseph Phelps return the list given to him to Collect a fine laid on the fourth Class for not procuring their Soldier as order'd by the General Court to serve for 3 years in the Continental Army

8th Voted to raise one hundred & Eighty Six Pounds Six Shillings to be Assessed upon the Inhabitants of s^d Town in order to pay the 3 men rais'd to Serve in the Continental Army for 3 years being the last demand the General Court made for men on s^d Town

9th voted that Each person that hath paid his money tow ward hiring the last three years men be allow'd to Draw back what is over & above their proportion — — this voted and accepted by the Town—

10 voted and ordred that the assessors make the Tax to pay the last three years men with out Delay & that the Tax be made Seperate from any other Tax

11th voted not to pay m^r Samuel Herrick any Cost for Stopping the three writs mentioned in the Warrant

The Town meeting Disolved

Daniel Putnam Moderator

Tho^s Cowdin Town Clerk

Janeuary 6th 1783 we the Select men of the Town of Fitchburgh having taken into our Sereas Consideration the state and circumstanfes of Luke oldridge and his wife and Children, namely luke and lyda and Joseph and Sarah who

Came from leominster last who are under poore firconstanfes that we Cant admitt of their being inhabitants which we Caused to be warnd out

Fitchburgh Janeuery 7th 1783

Tho^s Cowdin } Select men
Eph^m Kimball } for Fitchburgh

[233] (Seale) Worcester fs To mr Phinehas Sawyer
Jur^t one of the Cunstable for the Town of Fitchburgh
Greeting

These are in the name of the Common welth of the
mafsachusetts bay to will and Require you forthwith to
notify and warne the free holders & other inhabitants of
the Town of Fitchburgh qualifyd by Law to Vote in Town
meetings to asemble and meet at the meeting house in s^d
Fitchburgh on monday the third Day of march next att
nine o Clock in the foure noon then and their being Duely
meet and formd to act on the folowing arteles that is

1^{ly} to Chufe a moderator to Govern s^d meeting . . .

2^{ly} to Chufe Select meen and other Town oficers for
the year Infuing as the law Directs

3^{ly} to axcept of aney Town Roads or high ways that
have bin Laid out by the Select men or their order . . .

4^{ly} to See what Sum or Sumes of money the Town
will raise to Keep the high ways in Repare and See what
method it Shall be workt out the year infuing or act aney
thing there on as they Shall think proper

5^{ly} to See who will take mrs Hart and Suport her
the year Infuing and for what fum of money . . .

6^{ly} to See if the Town will abate aney perfons Rates
on aney list Committed to aney Cunstable or Colector
or aney part there of

7^{ly} to See if the Town will permit the Swine to Go
at large the the year infuing under the Regelations of the
law

8^{ly} to See if the Town will allow aney a Counts that
Shall be laid before them for Servis for s^d town

Here of faile not and make Due Return of this war-
rant with your Dowings there on to Sume one of us at or

before s^d Day Given under our hands and Seale this
Eleventh Day of Febuery A D 1783

oliver Stickne	}	Select men for Fitchburg
Eph ^m Kimball		

Worcester Is Febuery the 24 1783—by Virtue of this
warrant I have warnd all the free holders & other Inhabi-
tents of the Town of Fitchburgh to meet at the time and
place and for the purposes within mentned

Phinehas Sawyer Jur Cunstable

[234] at a legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the
Town of Fitchburgh assembled march the 3 1783

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1^{ly} voted and Chose Decon David Goodridge modera-
tor moderator

2^{ly} voted to Chuse three Select men for the year
Insuing

3^{ly} voted and Chose mr oliver Stickne & Thomas
Stearns & John Thurston Select men

4^{ly} voted that the Select men be the assesors the year
Insuing assesors

5^{ly} voted and Chose Thos Cowdin Town Clerk and
Town Treafurer Town Clerk & Town Treafurer

6^{ly} voted and Chose mr Abel Baldwine Cunstable for
the South Side of the Town Cunstable
and axepted of Capt Samuel Burbank in abel Baldwines
Rume Capt Burbant in his Rume

7^{ly} voted and Chose mr David macentier Cunstable for
the north Side and upon an ajurnment voted and asepted
of Capt Thos Hartwell to Serve Cunstable in David
maccencers Rume for the north Side of the Town . . Cun-
stable for the north Side

8^{ly} voted and Chose mr William Brown & mr Kindall
Boutall wardens for the s^d Town Wardens

9^{ly} voted and Chose Thos Cowdin Jur and m^r Joseph
Wheler Tithenmen Tithen men

10^{ly} voted and Chose mr Hezekiah Hodgkins and afa
Perrey and Thos Cowdin Ju^r and mr Jacob upton and

mr Ruben Smith and William Grimes and Mr James Poole
and mr Abraham Jaquith and oliver Brown Survaers of
high ways Survaers of high ways

11^{ly} voted and Chose David Whitne and Samuel Darby
and Elijah Phelps hog Reves hog Reves

12^{ly} voted and Chose Joshua Parce and Samuel Downe
fiere wards fier wards

13^{ly} voted and Chose Daniel Putnam Survaer of Cla-
bords & Shingels . . . Survaer of Clabords & Shingels

[235] 14^{ly} voted and Chose Capt Jonathan Wood
Survare of hups and Staves hups & Staves

15^{ly} voted and Chose David Parce Sealer of Waits and
meflers waits & meflers

16^{ly} voted Afa Perr and Joshue Parce fense vuers . .
fens vuers

17^{ly} voted Raise one hundred pounds to mend and
keep in Repare the high ways and bridges the year Infu-
ing £100 —

and that those that Did not work out their high way
tax last years Deficiency aded ot the present years high
way tax or pay in money what is be hind or Remains
Due, and the list is to be Returnd by the high way Se-
vares with the Credit on s^d list of Each perfon by the 20
Day of october next

and that the high way tax Shall be workt out as it
was in the year 1774 £14-14-0

18^{ly} voted that the Town pay Liut Kindall Boutall
forty nine Dolars to Suport mrs Hart one whole year and
so in proportion if she fould not live the year out . . 49
Dolars

19^{ly} voted that the Swine Run at large being under
the Regulation of the law the year Infuing

20^{ly} voted and alowd Phineas Sawyer Jun his a Count
which is 0-19-4

voted and alowd Samuel Davis a Count . . . 1- 4-0

voted and alowd Eph^m Kimball his a Count . 3-16-0

voted and alowd oliver Stickney his a Count . 3-12-0

voted and alowd John Thurston his a Count . 3- 8-0

voted and alowd Decon Goodridge his a Count 3 11 0

voted and alowd James Poole his a Count . . 1 00 0

21^{ly} voted and axcepted of a Road laid out for noah wizwell land til it Coms to the County Rode and axcepted by the Town if the land is Given by those perfons that own the land namely mr Nathaniel Wrights . . .

and Thos Cowdins land til the two Rod Rode Striks the County Rode and the trees markt on the Easterdly fide of faid Road

then the Town Came to a vote and a jurnd the Town meeting til the 17 of this Infant march

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

the Remainder of the Town meeting you will find in page 237 for want of Rum

[236] (Seal) Worcester fs To mr Samuel Burbank one of the Cunftables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

In the name of the Common welth of the mafsachufets bay you are herby requierd to notify in Due Corse of Law agreable to the Constitution the free holders & other Inhabitents Qualified by the Constitution to vote for the officers hereafter mentned to afsemble & meet at the meeting house in s^d Town on the first monday in april next at one O Clock in the after noon then and their being Duely meet and formd

firstly to vote for a Governer

2^{ly} for a Liut Governor

3^{ly} for five Senoters

and forthly to Chuse a Committe to Setle with the Town Treafurer . . . Here of faile not and make Return of this Warrant to Some one of us with your Dowings there on at or before the s^d Day Given under our hands & Seale this Eighteenth Day of march A D 1783 . . .

oliver Stickne	{	Select men
Thos Stearns		for
		Fitchburg

Worcester fs In obediance to the Within Warrant I have notifyd & warnd the free holders and other Inhabi-

tents of the Town of Fitchburgh to meet at the time & place agreeable to the Within Warrant . . .

Fitchburgh april 7 1783

Samuel Burbank Cunftable

at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town o Fitchburgh afembled april the Seventh 1783

Thos. Cowdin Town Clerk

firstly voted and Chose his Exelency John Hancock Governer by the number of votes therty feven . . 37

voted and Chose his honer Tho^s Cushen Liut Govrner the nnumber of votees 31

and one vote for the honorable James Bodwine Esq 1 vote

and for five Senetors—that is the Hon^l moses Gill Esq 9

for the Hor Samuel Baker Esq 9

for the Hon^l Ifreal Nichols Esq 9

for mr Will Page hardwick 9

for Samuel Curtic Esq 9

[237] then proced a Cording to the warrant and Chose Joseph Fox Esq and mr Phinehas Hartwell to be a Committe to Setle with the Town Treafurer then Defolvd the Town meeting

oliver Stickne moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

march 17th 1783 the Town meet a Cording to their ajurnment and profeded to y^e bifnes of the Day

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

22^{ly} voted and Dismift Daniel Putnam from his being Chose one of the Select men and an affesor

23^{ly} voted and axcepted of Capt Samuel Burbank to Serve Cunftable and Collector in mr Abel Baldwines Rume

then the Town voted and ajurnd the Town meeting til the first monday in april at 2 o Clock in the after noon—

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

april the 7 1783 the Town meet acording to their ajurnment and opend the meeting and proceded to the bifnes of the Day

24^{ly} voted and Chose Samuel Herrick Cunstable for the north Side of the town which was afterwards Dismist by the town by Reason of mr David makentier hiring Capt Thos Hartwell to serve in his Rume

then the Town ajurned the Town meeting til the 16 Day of may at 2 o Clock in the after noon.

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

May 16 1783 the Town meet acording to their ajurnment and proceeded to the bines of the Day . . .

25^{ly} voted and axcepted of Capt Thos Hartwell to Serve Cunstable and Collector for the north Side of the Town in the Rume of David macentier which was Dismist by his hiring the afore said Thos Hartwell in his Rume which was Sworen into the office of Cunstable & Colector for the year Infuing—then the meeting was Difolvd

David Goodridge moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[238] (S1) Worcester fs To Capt Samuel Burbank one of Cunstabes for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

In the name of the Common welth you are Requird forth with in Due Coarfe of law to notify and warne all the free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualifyd by the Constitution to vote for a Representative to a Semble and meet at the meeting house on fryday the Sixtenth Day of may next at one o Clock in the after noon then and their being Duely meet and formd to Chuse Som meet person if they think fit to Repreent them in the Grate and Generall Coart the year Infuing

Then to proced a Cording to some other matters which are herafter mentned in f^d warrant Relating to other town matter

1^{ly} to Chuse a moderator Regolate the last Claws of the warrant

2^{ly} to See if the town will provide stocks and Scales and waits for the youse of the Town

3^{ly} to see what method the Town will Do in Respect

to their being Sud by Benjiman Larranc or act aney thing
Refering ther to as they fhall think proper—

4^{ly} to fee what the Town will Do Respecting the
poore

Here of fale not and make Return of this warrant
with your Dowings there on to some one of us at or
before the Day above mentnd given under our hands and
Seale This 28 Day of april 1783

oliver Stickne	}	Select men for Fitchburg
Thos Stearns		
John Thurston		

Worcester fs may the 16 1783

In obediance to the within warrant I have notifyd and
warnd all the free holders and other Inhabitents to assem-
ble and meet at the time and place mentined in the war-
rant

Samuel Burbank Cunstable

at a legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of
Fitchburgh assembled may the 16 1783

[239] Then after the warrants being Red the Town
being ast the question whether they would fend a Repre-
sentative the year Infuing it was voted that they would
Send

and a Cordingly proceded to a Choyse—

and brot in their votes and made Choyse of Capt
Thos Cowdin to Represent the s^d Town in the Grate and
General Coart the year Infuing . . . and also voted to
Give their Representativ their Instructions and then Disolvd
the meeting

Thos Cowdin Towin Clerk

Then proceded to act on the other artcles mentned in
the warrant

1^{ly} voted and Chofe Daniel Putnam moderator . moder-
ator

2^{ly} voted that the Town are provided with a Good
Beame and a Set of Good Seeld waits . . . Seald waits

3^{ly} voted to provide a Seet of good Stoks and voted that the Stoks be let out lowest bider

4^{ly} and a Cording ly they ware let out to Capt Thos Cowdin the wood work only for 6/

5^{ly} voted and Chose a Committe to Defend the Law Sute betwene the Town and Benjiman Larranc

6^{ly} Chose mr Elijah Gafield & Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r be a Committee to a pear and Defend the Town a Gainst f^d laranc to final Judgment and Execution and the f^d Committe are herb impowerd to proced in the law to as far as they Shall think proper for the Towns Intrest

This meeting Difolvd

Daniel Putnam moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

* A Two Rod Road

Fitchburgh March the 1 1783

The Selectmen apointed us a Committy to lay out a Road for the Conveanancy of us whose Names are under ritten and we have laid it out in the following manner. Beginning at the South Part of Mr Farwell and Mr Page and running North, Betwene them till it comes to Land of Doct Martin Herrick, thence Nor west Acroft a corner of s^d Herricks Land, and the bounds are trees marked on the North East Side of the Road, and then running Acroft Benjamin Herreks Land Westterly, till it comes to Land of Joseph Venens and trees Marked on the North Side thence Running north by Land of Said Benjamans upon Land of s^d Venens till it Comes to Land of Eph^m Howards runing still by Benjamin Herricks Land and on Eph^m Howard, till it comes to Land of Elijah Willards thence Running a Croft s^d Elijah's Land till it Comes to Land of Daniel Willards; the Road marked on East Side, then running North acroft Daniel Willard land to Ashby line, and the Marks on the East Side of the way the road
Turn Over

* First location road now known as Ashby West Road. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

[240] two Rods wide which we offer for the Towns Exceptence. Excepted thif Road if the Land be Given for the youse of the Inhabitance of s^d Town

{ Joseph Vennen
 { Simeon Chattuck
 { Daniel Willard
 { Ephraim Howard
 { Benjamin Herrick
 { Elijah Willard

Committe apoynted
 by the Select men

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worcefter is to Thomas Hartwell one of the Cunstables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

in the name of the Common welth of the mafsechufets you are herby orderd in Due Corfe of law to notify and warne all the free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifd by law to vote in Town meetings to afsemble and meet at the meeting house in s^d Town on tuesday the Sixteenth Day of September next 1783 at one O Clock in the after noon then and their being Duely meet and formd to act on the folowing artcles that is

1^{ly} Chufe a moderator to Govern said meeting . . .

2^{ly} to See what Sum of money the Town will Raise for the Revrant mr Paysons Salery for the present year or act any thing there on as they Shall think proper . . .

3^{ly} to See what Sum of money the Town will Raise to Suport a Scoole or act any thing there on as they Shall think proper

4^{ly} to Raise money to Suport mrs Hart . . .

5^{ly} to See what method the Town will take to Git wood for mr Payson the year Infuing . . .

6^{ly} to See if the Town will allow Such a Counts as Shall be laid before them for Servfes Dun for s^d Town

7^{ly} to See what the Town will do Respecting the Scool land Sold by Lunenburgh or act any thing there on as they Shall think proper . . .

8^{ly} to See if the Town will abate any persons Rates in any list or lifts in any Cunstable or Colectors hands or act any thing there on as they Shall think proper . .

9^{ly} to See if the Town will aprove or Dif aprove of a Road from mr William Grimes to mr Jacob Gibsons and turning from s^d Gibsons to perleys land or act aney thing thereon as they Shall think proper

[241] 10^{ly} to See what Sum or Sums of money the Town will Raife to Defray Town Charges or act aney thing Thereon as they Shall think proper

Here of faile not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings ther one to Some one of us at or before the s^d Day Given under our hands and Seale at Fitchburgh the 1 Day of September A D 1783

oliver Stickne	} Select men for Fitchburg
Thos Stearns	
John Thurston	

Worcester fs September the 15 1783

In obediance to the within warrant I have Notifyd the Inhabitents of s^d Town qualifyd by law to act in Town meetings to meet at time and place

Thomas Hartwell Cunstable

at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburh afsembled September the 16 1783

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1^{ly} voted and Chose Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r moderator

2^{ly} voted to Raife Sixty Six pounds thirteen Shilings & foure pene to pay the Revrant mr John Paysons Salery the Present year £66-13-4

3^{ly} voted to Raife forty pounds to Suport a Scoole the year Infuing 40-0-0

4^{ly} voted that Each quarter of the Town Draw their proportan or part of the Scool money—and that no quarter of the Town be intitled to aney part of the Scool money til they have Expended their part by laying s^d money out in Scooling their Children

5^{ly} voted and Chose Joseph fox Esq. Lin^t Paul Wetherby & Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r & amos Ordway & afa Perrey & Ruben Gibfon Juⁿ be a Committe to provide a Scool marfter or marfters

6^{ly} voted to Raife forty nine Dolars to Suport mrs hart one whole year & so in proportion for a lefs tarme £14-14-0

[242] 7^{ly} voted that mr Paysons wood be Sot up at a vandue and and that the lowest bider provide the wood and Deliver thirty Coards of Good Wood at the Dower of the Revrant mr Paysons house for the year Infuing

8 ^{ly} voted to alow Ifaac Holden his a Count and others	6/6
voted to alow Afeph Goodridge his a Count . .	9/
voted to alow William Brown his a Count . .	1 10-0
voted to alow oliver Stickne his a Count . . .	0- 2-0
voted to alow Phinehas Sawyer Jur his a Count	0-14-0
voted to alow Thomas Stearns his a Count . .	0-13-7
voted to alow Thomas Stearns a nother a Count	0- 9-0
voted to alow Jofhua Parc his a Count	2- 4-0
voted to alow William Brown a nother a Count	1- 8-0
voted to alow Elijah Gafield his a Count . . .	5- 3-6
voted to alow William Tidmafz his a Count . .	1- 1-4
voted to alow Phinehas Hartwell his a Count .	0-16-0
voted to alow Cap ^t Jonathan Wood his a Count	1- 1-0
voted to alow Thomas Cowdin his a Count . .	6 15-0
voted to alow Jofeph fox Esq his a Count . . .	0 13-6
voted to alow John Thurften his a Count . . .	0 16-0

24 2 5

9^{ly} voted and Chofe Thomas Cowdin and Phinchas Hartwell to be a Committe to Sarch the Records in the proprietors book Refpecting the Scool lands-& and also the Records in the Town Book of Lunenburge and take a tefted Coppes of the Records - to now what purpos those lands was Granted for and to See if the Town of Fitchburgh had aney Right to those Lands or land and also the faid Committe are impowred to Setle with Lunenburgh or to profecute to final Judgment

10^{ly} voted to abate John Whelers Rates in Daniel far-wills lists which is for the year 1780 whis is . 2-18 3 ^{hard money}
 also to a bate William Eatons tax which is 1-18-8
 also to a bate Robert Hills tax which is . 0 11-6

also to a bate Silos Browns which is . . . 0- 7 5 0

also to abate William Stewards tax in Phine-

has Sawyer Lift which is . . . 1-11-6

then a motion was made & Seconded to a Jurn the meeting til the third Tuesfday of october next & the Town meeting was aJurnd a Cordingly . . .

Thos Cowdin T Clerk

[243] october the 21 1783 The Town meet aCording to f^d ajurnment and the Town Clerk being absent a motion was made and Seconded to ajurn f^d Town meeting Tuesday the 28 Day of this Instant october at one oClock in the after noon at this place . . . The meeting is ajurnd a Cordingly . . .

oliver Stickne	} Select men for Fitchburg
Thomas Stearns	

October the 21 1783 the Town meet a Cording to their a Jurnment and opend the meeting and proceeded to the work of the Day . . .

11^{ly} voted to a bate John uptons taxes in Phinehas Hartwells list which is . . . 1- 8-9

voted and a bated Nahum Darbys tax which is 1-18-8

voted and a bated Daniel Darbys tax which is . 1-18-8

12^{ly} voted to Rafe thirty pounds to Defray Town Charges . . . 30-0-0

13^{ly} voted to pay Nehemiah fuller five pounds Seven-teen Shilings to provide thirty Coards of Good wood and Deliver the wood at mr John Paysons Dwilling House the wood is to be to the Exceptance of the Revrant mr John Payson . . . 5-17-0

Fitchburgh Septembr the 16 1783 then Reend with the Town Treafurer

14^{ly} voted and Excepted of the Town Treafurers a Counts as they stand by the Towns Committe we find Due in Jonathan Holts hands Cunstable for the year 1778 . . . £5-13-6-3

we find in James Paterfons hands Cunstable for the yeare 1779 hard money . . . 1 12-2-1

In Phinhas Hartwells Cunstable for the year 1780	
Town Tax hard money	46-13- 6 -
In Phinehas Hartwells hands minifter Tax for the year 1780	20-15- 8-3
In Daniel farwells hands Cunstable for the year 1780	
Town Tax	68-18- 1-3
In Capt Rubin Gibsons hands Colector for the year 1781	
Town tax	169-13- 4 -
we also find in f ^d Gibsons minister Tax for 1781 . . .	34- 9- 5-2
In Capt Samuel Burbanks Collector for the year 1781	
Town Tax	36-12- 7-3
we also find in f ^d Burbanks hands minifter tax for the year 1781	11- 1- 7 -
In Cap ^t Samuel Burbanks Colector for the year 1782	
Town Tax	36-15- 5 -
we also find in f ^d Burbanks hands minifter tax 1782 . .	50-15- 6 -
In Joseph Phelps hands Colector for the year Town tax 1782	35- 4- 9 -
we also find in f ^d Phelps hands minifter tax for 1782	
	49- 4- 6 -
[244] In Capt Samuel Burbanks hands Colector for the year 1782 Soldiers tax	£90-16- 0-2
In Joseph Phelps hands Colector for the year 1782 Soldiers tax	89-19-11-3
we find in the Treasurers hand a State Receipt which Phinehas Hartwell is a Countable for to the Town Dated april 28-1781 & is due on f ^d Receipt in hard moneys . . .	51-14- 1 -
we find one note against Capt Ruben Gibson in hard money	3-12- 0
we find one note against Capt Samuel Burbank in hard money	3-12- 0
we find one State Treasurers Recepte the Towns property a gainst Capt Samuel Burbant Dated June 13 th 1782	125-14- 8
we find one States Treasurers Recept the Towns property against Capt Ruben Gibson Dated June 14 1782 . . .	32-18- 6

we find a note find by francis Fullam Dated December the 31 1772 for 2:20- 3

We also find that the Treafurer hath paid over and above what he thath Recevd which he is to be allowd for 80=16=8

we find a note a Gainst Capt Samuel Burbank Dated march 17th 1782 for 3-12- 0

we find a note a Gainst Capt Thos Hartwell Dated may 16 1783 for 3-12- 0

Phinehas Hartwell	} Commit ^{te} a pointed to Settle with the Treafur
Joseph Fox	
Thomas Stearns	
John Thurston	

The Town meeting Difolvd

Phinehas Sawyer Jur moderator

Thomas Cowdin Town Clerk

[245] (Scale) Worcester fs To Thomas Hartwell Cunstable for the town of Fitchburgh—Greeting—in the name of the Common Wealth of the mafsachufetts you are herby required in Due Coarse of law to notify & warne all the free holders and other Inhabitents of s^d Town qualifyd to vote in town meetings to afemble and meet at the meeting house in s^d Town on monday the fifth Day of Janeuery next at one O Clock in the after noon then and their being Duely meet and formd to act on the folowing articles

1^{ly} to Choose a moderator to Govern s^d meeting . . .

2^{ly} to See what method the Town will take to Raise the first the first moyety of the Continantel Tax that hath bin omitted by the s^d Town or act any thing thereon as they Shall think proper

3^{ly} to See if the Town will allow Capt Samuel Burbank Six Shiling pr Bufhel for Rye that the Town promis'd for his for Suporting mrs hart for one year or act any thing there on as they Shall think proper

Here of faile note and make Returen of this warrant with your Downing there on to fum one of us at or before

the Day a bove mentned Given under our hands and Scale
this ninteenth Day of December 1783

oliver Stickney	} Select men for Fitchburgh
Thos Stearns	

Worcester fs Fitchburgh Janeuery 5th 1784 in obediance
to the wart I have notifyd and warnd the Inhabitents of
s^d Town qualifyd by law to vote in Town meetings to meet
at time and place within mentned

Thos Hartwell Cunstable

[246] at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the
Town of Fitchburgh asembled Janeuery the 5 1784

Thos Cowdin T Clerk

1^{ly} voted and Chofe Deacon David Goodridge moder-
ator

2^{ly} voted by the Town of Fitchburgh to Raife foure
hundred and Seventy foure pounds thirteen Shilings and
foure pene being their proportion of the first moyety of
the Contenanel tax Granted by the Grate and Generall
Coart at there Sefion in may 29 1782 . . . £474:13:4

3^{ly} voted to alow Cap^t Samuel Burbank Six Shilings
pr Bufhel for Rye the Town promised to pay him for Keep-
ing mrs Hart one whole yeare whis is forty Bufhels of
Rye

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

This meeting Difolvd

David Goodridge moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(seal) Worcester fs To Thomas Hartwell one of the
Constabls of the town of Fitchburg in said County . . .
Greeting

These are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Mafsa-
chufetts to will & Require you forth with to Notify & warn
all the freeholders and other Inhabitance of the town of
Fitchburg Quallified By Law to vote in town meetings to
Asemble and meat at the meeting Houfe in s^d town on

Monday the first Day of march Next at Nine O Clock in the morning then & their Being Duly meet & to act on the following articles to wit

1st to Chooſe A Moderator to Govern s^d meeting . .

2^{ly} to Choose Selectmen & other town officers for the year Enſuing as the Law Directs or act theiron as they Shall think proper

3^{ly} to See if the town accept of any Roads or Highways that have Been Laid out by the Selectmen or their order or act any thing their on as they Shall think proper

4^{ly} to See what Sum or Sums of money the town will Raiſe to keep the Highways in Repair and See in what method the Same Shall be worked out the Enſuing year

5^{ly} to ſee who will take Miſs Hart & for what Sum of money they will Support Her the year Enſuing

[247] 6^{ly} to See if the town will vote the Swine to go at Large under the Regulation of the Law the year Enſuing

7^{ly} to See if the Town will allow any accompt for Service Done for Said town

8^{ly} to See if the Town will take up the Seets in the front Garlley & make them into Pews for the uſe of the Singers or act any thing theiron as they Shall think proper

9^{ly} to See if the Town will Repair the Glaſs in the meeting Houſe or not

oliver Stickney	} Select men for Fitchburg
Thomas Stearns	
John Thurston Jur	

Worceſter Ss february y^e 28 1784

In obedience to the within warrant I have Notified and worned all the freholders & other Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in town meetings to meet at time and place with in Named

Thomas Hartwell Conſtable

At A Legal Meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of Fitchburg Aſsembled March the firſt 1784

1st voted & Choofe Phinehas Hartwell Moderator

2 ^{ly} voted & Choofe Phinehas	} Select men & afsefsors
Hartwell first Select man oliver	
Stickney the second Thomas Starns	
the third	
3 ^{ly} voted that the Selectmen	}
be the afsefsors for the year En-	
fuing	

4^{ly} voted & Choofe Phin^c Hartwell Town Clark . .
Town Clark

5^{ly} voted & Choose Phin^c Hartwell Town Treafurer . .
Town Treafurer

6 ^{ly} voted & Choofe Dea David Goodridge	} Constables
Constable for the South Side of the Town	
7 ^{ly} voted and Choofe Josef Polley Con-	
stable for the North Side of the Town	

8^{ly} voted & Choose Joseph Sawyer & John Goodridge
to be wardans wardains

9^{ly} voted & Choofe Afeph Goodridge & David Parce
tything men Tything men

10^{ly} voted & Choofe Hezekiah Hodgkins & Cap^t Sam^l
Burbank & Joseph Sawyer & Jonathan Rufel & Daniel
Putnum & Thomas Hilton & Luc^t Kendel Boutell & Jona-
than flint & Leu^t Seth Phillips & william Haskell to be
Survayours of High ways the year infuing High
way Survayrs

11^{ly} voted that the Survoysr be Directed to work out
the Highway taxes in the following manner viz to have
Each perfon on the Spot be allowed four pence for every
Hour that he faithfully works & thofe Survoyours that are
Called to afst on the County Road are to allow their
Hands each perfon Sutable time for their travle to the
place appontd to work thofe that are taken from their
own Deftrict

Be allow for a yোক of oxen a Hole Day 2/ & for a
Cart 1/ for a Plough one Shilling & Six pence for a Day

[248] And all Perfons that Dont work out their
High way Rate shall be obliged to Pay the Remainder to
the Collector or Collectors in money and the Highway
Survayours are ordred to Return a Lift of all Deliquant
persons to the afsefsors that hant workt out there High

way tax By the first of october next & the afsefsors are Directed to afsefs all Perfons that have not workt out there Highway tax viz what Remains not workt that is the afsefsors are to afsefs what Remains on the Next town tax & that the money be Laid out in mending & Repairing the Highway and Bridges

12^{ly} voted & Choofe for Hog Reeves Jonathan wars & Jacob fullam & John upton & David whitemore . Hog Reeves

13^{ly} voted & Choofe Jacob Gibson & Samuel Parce to be fire wards for the year Enfuing fire wards

14^{ly} voted & Choofe John upton to be a Surveyor of Shingles & Clabords . . Surveors of Shingles & Clabords

15^{ly} voted & Choofe Cap^t Jonathan wood to be a survayour of Hoops & Staves . . Survayour of Hoops & Staves

16^{ly} voted & Choose David Parce to be a Sealer of weights & meafures Sealer of weigh & meafures

17^{ly} voted & Choofe Afa Perrey & Jacob upton to be fence vewers fence vewers

18^{ly} voted to Raife one Hundred & fifty Pounds to mend the Highways & Bridges the year Enfuing . . .

19^{ly} voted that the Selectmen order the Highway Sur-
vayors to work on the County Road from the town Line
by Jacob uptons & by m^r Kendall Boutels as much as
they Shall think proper

20^{ly} voted to pay Daniel Farwell thirty five Dollars
to support mis Hart one whole year & so in propotion
if She Should not Live the year out £10-10-0

the motion was made & Seconded to adjourn & it
was voted to adjourn this meeting till the fifteenth Day of
this Instant march at one a Clock in the after Noon &
the meeting is ajoured accordingly

Thomas Cowden Clark

March y^e 15th 1784

the Inhabitance of the Town meet according to ajourn-
ment and proceded to Buſinefs

21^{ly} voted to allow oliver Brown his accom^t which
is £1-4-0 pd

and also Allowed Phin^e Sawyer Ju^r his accompt^t which is 0-12-0 pd

[249] 22^{ly} voted to Choofe a Committee & Report wheather it is Best for the town to take up any part of the frunt Gallary for the use of the Singers and Report to the Town

23^{ly} voted & Choofe Daniel Putnum & oliver Stickney & Dea John Thurston

24^{ly} voted to Repair the the Glafs in the meeting Houfe

25^{ly} voted that the Selectmen Repair the Glafs winders in the meeting Houfe

26^{ly} voted to Excufe De^a David Goodridge from Serving Constable & Collector and that the ten Dollars Shall Be in full for him the said David Goodridges turn when paid which Sum the Said Dea Goodridge promises to pay to the town & Give his note for the money

27^{ly} voted that the Collectors of the town & State tax Shall be held to procure Good Bondsmen for the faithfull performance of the Duty of Collector

28^{ly} voted to pay Dea John Thurston forty one Shilling on each Hundred pound he Shall Collect and So in proption for a Greater or Lefser Sum for Collecting the town or County or State or whatever other tax

29^{ly} voted and accepted of Dea John Thurston to be a Collector for the north Side of the town for y^e year 1784

30^{ly} voted to pay John ferwell forty three Shillings for one Hundred pounds to Collect the town & State taxes & all other taxes Legally afesed so in propotion wheather Greater or Lefser

31^{ly} voted to accept of John ferwell to Serve as Collector for the South Side of the town and to Serve Constable in the Room of De^a David Goodridge then the motion was made & Seconed to ajourn the march meeting till first munday in april and the meeting is ajourned accordingly till one a Clock in the after noon

Thomas Cowdin Town Clark

April y^e 5th 1784 then the Town meet according to ajournment & proceeded to the Buifenefs of the Day . . .

32^{ly} voted to move the potition Betwene the mens & the womens Seats in the front Gallary So as the men Singers to have two thirds of the front Gallary for there ufe

Phinehas Hartwell Moderator

this meeting Difsolved

Recorded By me Phinehas Hartwell Town Clark

[250] (seale) Worcester fs To John Farwell Conftable for the town of fitchburg Greeting} These are therefore in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Mafsachusetts to order & Direct you fourthwith to Notify all the male Inhabitance of fitchburg of twenty one years of age & upwards Having a freehold Eftate within this Commonwealth of the anuel income of three pounds or any Eftate of the value of Sixty pounds to Afsemble and meet at the meeting Houfe in Fitchburg on monday the fift Day of April Next at three a Clock in the after noon then & their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles viz

1st to Give in your votes for a Governor

2^{ly} to Give in your votes for a Lue^t Governor

3^{ly} to Give in your votes for five Senators in the County of worcefter a Greeable to the Constitution

Hereof fail not make Return of this warrant with your Doings there on to Some one of us at or before the Day and time a bove mentioned Given under under our Hands & Seal at fitchburg this twenty Second Day of march and in the year of our Lord 1784

Phinehas Hartwell	} Select men for fitchburg
oliver Stickney	
Thomas Starns	

Worcester Ss April y^e 5th 1784} in obedience to the within warrant I have Notified the freeholders & other inhabitance as is Spacified in the within warrant

John Farwell Conftable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg afsembled april the fift 1784

1 st	voted for his Excellency John Hancock Esqr for a Govrnor by the No of votes two	2
	Do for the Honourable John Adams Esqr one . No .	1
	D ^o for Col ^o John Commins one . . No .	1
	D ^o for the Honorable Samuel Holton Esqr seven- teen	No . 17
	D ^o for the Rever ^d Zebdial Adams twenty one	No . 21
2 ^{ly}	voted for the Honrable oliver Prescott as Lu ^t Gov- ernor	No of vots . 29
3 ^{ly}	voted for five Senators viz } the Honourble mores Gill Esqr	No 26
	for the Honourable Israel Nicholas Esqr . No of votes .	26
	for the Honourable Seth warshburn Esqr No of votes .	26
	for the Hounourble Samuel Curtifs Esqr . No of votes .	26
	for M ^r Willam Page of Hardwick No of votes .	26
Thomas Cowdin	Town Clark	} Phin ^c Hartwell } Select men } oliver Stickney } for } Thomas Starns } Fitchburg

[251] Fitchburg September y^e 4th 1783

* Whereas a Number of the inhabtance of this town Dwelling in the Norwestardly part of Said town & owners of Lands now about to be improved & is improved Some time past Requested to the Selectmen of s^d town for a tow Rod Road to to be Laid out through the Lands of us the Subscribers which was Laid out and agreed to } the Discriptions are as follows Begining at W^m Haskells South Line Runing Northerdly through s^d Haskells Land to Leut^t Pages & Abra^m Ferwell Land then on pages & ferwells one Rod on each through on the Line betwene them to Docter martin Herricks Land then through the Corner of s^d Dr Herrick Land about 30 or 40 Rods to Benjamin Herrick Land then Runing angle ways through the s^d Benja^a Herrick Land to or near s^d Herrick Houfe to Joseph venen Land then on Jos venens Land Bounded on Herrick through to Ephraim Heyward Land then on Howards Land on Herrick Line to Eljah willard Land then North-

* See page 239. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

erdly through s^d willard Land to the Land of Daniel willard then through said Daniels willards Land to Afhby Line the above mentioned Road has ben accepted By the town So far as was Given and for the Better Satisfaction and Safty of the town and the owners of Said Lands the Road was Laid out on or through, we the owners of s^d Lands, Do Hereby tistify and Confirme our willingnefs each and every one of us perfonaly to Give Said Land free & clear of all incombrances for the publick use & Benefit of travelling to be an open town Road for pafing and Repafing as is Laid out & Diferibed by marks and Bounds in witnefs Hereof we Do Sett our Hands this instant September and in the Seventh year of america Indepedance

March y^e 1st 1784 the above mentioned Road was accepted at a Legal meeting of the inhabitance of s^d town at there annual march meeting By an article in serted for that Purpofe} the above mentioned perfons that signed this Intrument are as follows

Abraham Farwell
 William Haskell
 Elijah Willard
 Dr Martin Herrick
 Ephraim Heyward
 Daniel willard
 Joſeph venen
 Benj^a Herrick
 Jonathan Page
 Samuel Herrick
 Nath^l Heyward

Phinc^s Hartwell moderator

Recorded By me

Phinchas Hartwell town Clark

[252] (Seal) Worcefter ſs To Cap^t Thomas Hartwell one of the Conſtables for the town of Fitchburg Greeting} theſe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Maſſachuſetts to will & Require you forthwith to Notify & warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitance of

the Town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in town meetings to afsemble & meet at the meeting Houfe in fitchburg on Munday the fifteenth Day of this infant march at one O clock in the after noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1st to Chooſe moderator to Govern s^d meeting . . .

2^{ly} to See if the town will Send a member to meat a Convention at Worceſter by a Request of a Circular Letter from Suttan for that purpoſe or act any thing there on as they Shall think proper

3^{ly} to See if the town will a bate any Rates in any of the Conſtables or Collectors Liſt or Liſts or act any thing there on as they Shall think proper

4^{ly} to See if the town will Diſcontinue a road from william Grimeſes Houſe to Jacob Gibſons Houſe & accept of a road from s^d Gibſons Houſe through s^d Gibſons Land to a road that Leads to the School houſe as is Diſcribed by a Request of a Number of the inhabitanſe of s^d town

5^{ly} to See if the town will aſiſt Aſeph Goodridge in Keeping the Gates in repare on the road Leading from s^d Goodridges to the meeting houſe

6^{ly} to See if the town will Raiſe money to Diſcharg an Execution in the High Sheriff hands for beef & Raiſe money for other uſes or act any thing there on as they Shall think proper

7^{ly} to See if the town will Chooſe a Committee to Settle with the town treaſurer

8^{ly} to See if the town will take into Conſideration & Defend m^r Noah weſwell from paying his taxes to weſt-minſter aſeſed on him in the year 1781 & 1782 or act any thing there on as they Shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your Doings there on to Some one of us on or before s^d Day Given under our hands & Seal Dated at Fitchburg march the firſt 1784

Phin ^c Hartwell	} Select men for Fitchburg
oliver Stickney	
Tho ^s Stearns	

Worcester Ss Fitchburg March y^e 15th 1784 In obedience to the within warrant I have Notified & warned all the free holders & other Inhabitation of the town Qualified by Law to vote in town meeting to meet at time and place with Named

Thomas Hartwell Constable

[253] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitation of the town of fitchburg afsembled on march y^e 15th 1784 . . .

1^{ly} Choofe Phinehas Hartwell moderator

2^{ly} voted to adjourn this meeting till five a Clock in the after noon of s^d Day

3^{ly} voted to Send a member to meat the Convention at worcester on the third tuesday of this instant march in order to take into Consideration the Circuler Letter Sent from Suttan Dated the 16 Day of february Laft . . .

4^{ly} voted & Choofe m^r David m^rintire to meat the Convention at worcester on the Sixteenth Day of march instant to take into Consideration the Letter Sent from Suttan

5^{ly} voted to abate Solomons Gibsons Rates in Phine Hartwells Lifts for the year 1780

6^{ly} voted to abate Thomas Gary taxes in Thomas Hartwells Lifts which is 1-2-6

7^{ly} voted to Discontuner the old road Leading from m^r william Grimeses house to Jacob Gibsons House . . .

8^{ly} voted to accept of a two rod road Leading from Jacobs Gibsons house Leading to the Schoole house as the Road was Laid out by the Selectmen Strait from s^d Gibsons house to the Corner of the Lane aganst mr perleys house where they formerly traveled to s^d town by the school house

9^{ly} voted not to Defend m^r Noah wezwell from paying his taxes to westeminster for the year 1781 & 1782 then a motion was made to have this town meeting ajourned to the first munday in april at two a Clock in the after noon and this meeting is adjourned accordingly

Thoms Cowden Town Clark

April y^e 5th the town meet according to their ajournment & proceeded to the Buifenefs of the Day

10^{ly} voted to abate Stephen fullers Rates in Capt Sam^{ll} Burbanks Lifts which is 11/9

11^{ly} voted to abate oliver Browns poll tax in Daniel farwell State bill in paper money 20-0-0

12^{ly} voted to abate Jos Gibsons Rates in Capt Tho^s Hartwells Lift which is 1-2-6

13^{ly} voted to have the Committee make futher inquiry Concerning the Beef and Report to the town

14^{ly} voted that Jos fox & the Selectmen be a Committee to Settle with the town treafurer

15^{ly} voted to abate Noah welsells Rates in Capt Sam^{ll} Burbanks Lift which is 25-15-4-3

then a motion was made to have this meeting ajourned till may meeting and s^d meeting is ajourned accordingly

may y^e 14th 1784 the town meet according to ajournment & proceded to buifenefs

16^{ly} voted to Raife Eighty pounds to Discharge an Execution in the hand of the High Sheriff against the town for Deficiency of Beef 80-0-0

This meeting Difolved

Phinehas Hartwell moderator

Recorded by me

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clark

[254] (Seal) Worcester fs To John Ferwell Constable for the town of Fitchburg Greeting These are therefore in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Mafsechusetts to will & Require you forth with to Notify all the male Inhabitance of Fitchburg of twenty one years of age & upwards Having a free hold Eftate within said town of the anuel income of three pounds or any Eftate of the value of Sixty pounds to afsemble & meet at the meeting House in s^d town on fryday the fourteenth Day of this instant may at three O clock in the after noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following article

1st to see if the town will elect & Depute any person to serve for and Represent them in the Great & General Court or afsembly to be held in this Common wealth or act any thing there on as they Shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your Dowings there on to some one of us at or before the Day & time above mentioned Given under our hand & Seal at fitchburg this eighth Day of this instant may and in the year of our Lord 1784

Phinehas Hartwell } Select men for
Oliver Stickney } Fitchburg

Worcester fs In obedince to the within warrant I Have Notified the Inhabitage of the town of fitchburg to meet at the time & place as is Spacified in the within warrant Fitchburg may ye 14th 1784

John Ferwell Constable

At a Legal meeting of the inhabitage of the town of Fitchburg afsembled on may the 14th 1784

voted & Choofe Thomas Cowden Esq^r to serve for & Representative in the Great & General Court or Afsemble to be held in this Common wealth on the Laft wednesf Day of may instant

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clark

[255] (seal) Worcester fs To John Ferwell Constable for the town of Fitchburg Greeting These are in the Name of the Common wealth of the mafseehusetts to will & Require you fourthwith to Notify & warn all the freeholders & other inhabitage of the town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in town meetings to Afsemble & meet at the meeting Houfe in fitchburg on wednesfday the first Day of Sep^t Next at one of the Clock in the afternoon then & their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles

1st to Choofe moderator to Govern said meeting . .

2^{ly} to Raife money to Support the Rever^d Mr John Payson the present year

3^{ly} to see what method the town will take to support the poor or act any thing theiron as they Shall think proper

4^{ly} to see what method the town will take to provide schooling or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

5^{ly} to see if the town will allow such accomps as shall be Laid before them for service Done for said town or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

6^{ly} to see what som or sums of money the town will Raife to Defray town Charges or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

7^{ly} to see what method the town will take to supply the Reve^d m^r payson with wood the present year . . .

8^{ly} to see if the town will allow m^r Jonathan Russell and m^r Jelse French any a abatement on their Rate Bill in the Hands of the Constable for the year 1780 in Regard to there being Drafted or act any thing theiron as they Shall think proper . . .

9^{ly} to see if the town will Give in there votes for a Regefter of Deeds for the County of worcester as Directed by a warrent from two of the Justices of the Corum

10^{ly} to see if the town will take into Consideration the Circurler Letter from westminster in Regard to Deviding the County or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

Here of fail not & make Return of this warrant to some one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under our Hands & seal this sixteenth Day of August & in the year of our Lord 1784

Phinehas Hartwell	} Select men for Fitchburg
oliver Stickney	
Thomas ftearns	

Worcester fs Fitchburg Sept^t ye 1st 1784 in obedience to the with warrant I have Notefied and warn^d all the free holders & other inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in town meetings to afsemble and meet at the time & place as is spasified in the within warrant

John Ferwell Constable

[256] At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Afsembled September ye 1st 1784 . .

1st voted and Choofs Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r moderator

2^{ly} voted to Raife for the Revr^d m^r Payson support for the present year £66-13-4

3^{ly} voted to Raife thirty five Dollars for Daniel Ferwell to support mis Hart one whole year so in propotion if Shee Shold not Live the year out 10-10-0

4^{ly} voted to Raife forty pounds to support the school the prefent year 40-0-0

5^{ly} voted & Choose for a school Committee Elijah Garfield & m^r Hezekiah Hodgskins & m^r Chearls Willard & m^r Daniel Putnum m^r John Goodridge & m^r Jonathan Rufsell School Committee

6^{ly} voted that each Quarter Draw their propotion of money according to there Rate Bill in each Quarter

7^{ly} voted to allow De^a David Goodridge account for Labour with several other Hands on the Great Bridg in Repairing it as appears By his accompt^t Dated June y^e 5th 1784 the sum 2- 4- 6 p^d

8^{ly} voted to allow Ebeⁿ Polley his accompt^t for Labour at the Great Bridge 0-10- 0 p^d

voted to allow Cap^t Thomas Hartwell his accompt^t 0- 2- 0 p^d

voted to allow John upton his account for Labour at the Bridge 1-10- 0 p^d

voted to allow Phinehas Hartwell & Ephraim Hartwell 6/0 their accompt^t at the Bridge 1- 0- 0 p^d

voted to allow Thomas Stearns for Service Done as an afsefsor 2- 0- 3 p^d

voted to allow oliver Stickney for service Done as an afsefsor & to the Bridge 3- 4- 2 p^d

voted to allow Sam^{ll} Burbank his accompt at the Bridge 0- 2- 0 p^d

voted to allow John thurston Jur his account at the Bridge & as an afsefsor 2- 7- 6 p^d

voted to allow Elijah Garfield his account 0- 6- 0 p^d

voted to allow Phin^e Sawyer Ju^r his account at the Bridg 0- 3- 4 p^d

voted to allow Ebeⁿ Bridge his account which is Cost at Law 4- 7- 9 p^d

voted to allow Hezekiah Hodgskins his account	x1- 0- 6 p ^d
voted to allow Esqr Cowden for taken Care of the meeting House one year & setling with the Committee his accompt	1-11- 0 p ^d
voted to allow Afa Perrey his accompt ^t for setling the Beef	0-10- 0 p ^d
voted to allow Joseph Low Jur ^r his accompt ^t at the bridge	0-19- 6 p ^d
voted to allow Lie ^t paul weatherbee his accompt ^t	0- 2- 0 p ^d
voted to allow David McIntire his accompt ^t for tending on the convention at Worcester	2-14- 0 p ^d
voted to allow Edward Scott his work on the highway to be Reconed of to a futere Highway Rate to Come . .	3- 6- 0 p ^d
voted to allow Edward Scott his accompt ^t for timber at the Bridge . .	12- 0 p ^d
[257] 9 ^{ly} voted & Choose Mr Kendel Boutell & m ^r Thomas Stearns to meat the Convention at westminster the second Day of this instant Sept ^r to Consult the interest of the County . .	
10 ^{ly} voted to allow John Carter his accompt ^t	£0- 3- 4 p ^d
11 ^{ly} voted to allow m ^r Aseph Goodridge five pound Eighteen Shillings for providing thirty Coard of Good wood at the Reve ^d Mr Paysons Door to m ^r paysons acceptance	5-18- 0 p ^d
12 ^{ly} voted to allow m ^r Jonathan Rufsell to ward his being Drafted by Col ^o Bridge one Shiling & ten pence . . .	0 1-10 p ^d
13 ^{ly} voted & Raise one Hundred and fifty Pounds to Defray town Charges and the above accounts for the presant year to be assefed	150- 0- 0
14 voted to pafs over Jefse french Request hē being over paid by the scale	

The meeting Difolved

Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Cleark

A Greeable to a warrant Directed to the Selectmen of the town of fitchburg from worcester by two of the Justices of the Corum for the County afores^d to will & Require them forth with to Notify the free holders & other inhabittance Quallified by Law to vote for a Register of Deeds for s^d County } an article was inferted in a Legal warrant from the Selectmen of s^d town for the above mentioned purposes

the town meet on Sep^t y^e 1st 1784 & Gave in their votes for the following Gentlemen (viz)

for Timothy Pain Esqr	25 vots
for m ^r Joseph Stone	4-votes
for Joseph wheclar Esqr	1-vote
for m ^r Sam ^l Allen	1-vote

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Phinehas Hartwell } Select men
for Fitchburg

(Seal) Worcester fs to John Ferwell Constable for the town of fitchburg Greeting Perfuant to a warrant to us Directed from two of the Justices of the peace of s^d County Quoram unice for the Choice of a Reg^r of Deeds for s^d County

These are therefore in the Name of the Commonwelth of the mafsachufetts to order & Direct you fourth with to Notify all the freeholders and other Inhabittance of the town of fitchburg Qualified by Law to vote for the Choice of Representetives to assemble and meet at the meeting house in fitchburg on fryday the twenty six Day of this Instant Novembr at one a Clock in the after noon then & their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following article (viz)

to Give in your votes for a Reigt^r of Deeds for the County of worcester as the Law Directs

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowings there on to some one of us at or before

the Day & time above mentioned Given under our hand & Seal at Fitchburg this twelfth Day of November & in the year of our Lord 1784

Phine^s Hartwell } Selectmen for
Thomas Stearns } Fitchburg

at a Legal meeting of the inhabtance of the town of fitchburg asembled on fryday the twenty Six Day of this in Stant September 1784 and Gave in their vots for the following Gentlemen (viz)

timothy Pain Esqr 12 vots

Col^o Clap 2 vots

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[258] Worcester fs To John Ferwell Conftable for fitchburg Greeting

A Greeable to a warrant Directed to the select men of the town of fitchburg from two of the Justices of the peace of s^d Connty Quoram unice for the Choice of a Register of Deeds for s^d County

(seal) These are therefore in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Mafsachufetts to Require and Direct you forthwith in Due manner and form to Notify the freeholders & other Inhabitance of s^d town Qualified by Law to vote for Choice of a Representative to Asemble at the meeting house in fitchburg on munday the seventh Day of march Next at Nine of the Clock in the morning then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following article

1^{ly} to Bring your vots for some Discrete sutable person to serve in the office of Regefter of Deeds for the County of worcester as the Law Directs

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowings there on to some one of us at or before the Day & time above mentioned Given under our Hand & seal at fitchburg this Eighteenth Day of this instant february & in the year of our Lord 1785

Phine^s Hartwell } Selectmen
Oliver Stickney } for
Thomas Stearns } fitchburg

Worcester fs In Obediance to this warrant I have Notified and warned all the free holders and other of the inhabitation of the town of fitchburg to meet at the time & place within mentioned as the Law Directs

John Ferwell Conftable

Fitchburg march ye 7th 1785

At a Legal meeting of the inhabitation of the town of fitchburg Afsembled March ye 7th 1785

1^{ly} voted for m^r Samucl Allen to serve in the office of a Register of Deeds for s^d County Number of votes for Said Allen was twenty

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Fitchburg March ye 8th 1785 whereas Doe^{tr} Jonas marshell Gave Notice to us the subscribers selectmen for the town of fitchburg of his Consenting to Come into town Febuary ye 11th 1785 one Samucl Hill & family from Hollis in New Hamshire State to Live on pirlhill we the Selectmen of s^d town having taken into Consideration the Circumstances of the above named Samucl Hill & Jemima his wife & Elifabeth his Daughter & samucl Hill his son and Do not admitt either of them into town as inhabitation thereof in any wife or Give Lifance to them to inhabite in s^d town But to Depart with out Charge forth with . . .

Phinehas Hartwell	} Selectmen for fitchburg
Oliver Stickney	

[259] (Seal) Worcester fs To John Ferwell Constable for the Town of fitchburg Greeting In the Name of the Commonwealth of the Mafsachusetts you are hereby Required to Notify in Due Courfe of Law Agreeable to the Constetution the freeholders and other inhabitation Qualified thereby to vote for the offices here after mentioned to afsemble and meet at the meeting Houfe in fitchburg on Monday the forth Day of april Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duely meet & formed to act on the following articles

1^{ly} to Give in your votes for a Governor

2^{ly} to Give in your votes for a Leu^t Governor

3^{ly} to Give in your votes for five Senators

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant to some one of us at or before the Day & time above mentioned Given under our Hand & seal this fourteenth Day of march and in the year of our Lord 1785

Phinehas Hartwell	} Selectmen for fitchburg
oliver Stickney	

Woreefer fs in obedience to the within written warrant I have Notified all the freeholders & other inhabitation of the town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in town meetings to assemble and meete at the time & place within mentioned

John Ferwell Conftable

Fitchburg April y^e 1st 1785

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitation of the town of fitchburg assembled april the forth 1785 the following Gentlemen voted for as followes—

The Honourable samuell Holton Esqr For Governor . .	16-votes
The Honorable Thomas Cushing Esqr For Governor . .	6-votes
The Honorable oliver Prescott Esqr For Governor . .	4 votes
The Honorable oliver Prescott. Esqr For Liu ^t Governor .	18-votes
The Honourable Isarel Nicholas Esqr for senator . .	16-votes
The Honorable Seth warfhhburn Esqr for senator . .	16-votes
The Honorable Moses Gill Esqr for senator .	16 votes
The Honorable Sam ^l Baker Esqr for senator .	16-vote
The Honorable Jonathan Warner Esqr for senator . .	16 votes

this meeting Disolved

oliver Stickney	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Thomas Stearns	
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk	

(Seal) Worcester is To John Ferwell Constable for
fitchburg Greeting

these are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the
Massachusetts to will & Require you forth with to Notifie
and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitation of the
town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in town meet-
ings to Assemble and meet at the meeting House in fitch-
burg on Munday the seventh Day of March next at Nine
of the Clock in the morning then & their being Duly meet
& formed to act on the following articles to wit

1st to Choose a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} to Choose Selectmen & other town offices as the
Law Directs or act any thing in Regard to Choice of Col-
lectors as they shall think proper

3^{ly} to see if the town will accept of such Roads as
are Laid out by the Selectmen or there order

4^{ly} to see if the town will Discontinue a Road for-
merly Laid out on the Back of pearhill or any part there-
of as shall be thoat proper and accept of an New one
Laid futher west for the use of the inhabitation on Back
of said hill

[260] 5^{ly} to see what sum or sums of money the
Town will Raife to keep the Highways and Bridges in
Repair the present year or act any thing as they shall
think proper

6^{ly} to see what instructions the town will Give in
Regard to those persons that Have over paid there Clafs
Rate to the Collector that they may have Credit for there
over plus

7^{ly} to see what method the town will take to support
the poor that are be Come Chargeble to the town or act
anything thereon as they shall think proper

8^{ly} to see if the town will take into Consideration
the Great Bridge by the meeting House in Regard to its
being New Covered & Repair the under works if need or
act any thing thereon as they shall think proper . . .

9^{ly} to see if the town will allow any accounts that
may be Laid before the town for acceptance for service
Done for said town . . .

10^{ly} to see if the town will allow the swine to Go at Large the present year under the Regulation of the Law

11^{ly} to see if the town will take into Consideration the Request of M^r Jacob upton and others to see if the town will set of the Inhabitation of the Norwestardly part of fitchburg with there Lands and priveledges free and Clear from s^d fitchburg to Joine the Extrem part of westminster with the Noreasterdly part of Ashburnham to be encoproated into a town to have town privileges as other towns

Hereof fail not make Due Return of this warrant to some one of us with your Dowings thereon at or before the Day & time above mentioned Given under our hand & seal this Eighteenth Day of this instant February and in the year of our Lord 1785

Phinehas Hartwell	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Oliver Stickney	
Thomas Stearns	

Worcester is in obedience to the within warrant I have Notified and warn all the freeholders and others of the inhabitation of the town of fitchburg to meet at the time and place within mentioned as the Law Directs Fitchburg march y^e 7th 1785

John Ferwell Conftable

At a Legal meeting of the inhabitation of the town of fitchburg assembled march y^e 7th 1785

1^{ly} voted & Choofe Dea David Goodridge moderator

2^{ly} voted to Choofe three selectmen for the ensuing year

3^{ly} voted & Choofe for selectmen Phinehas Hartwell Oliver Stickney Thomas Stearns . . . Select men & Affessors

4^{ly} voted & Choofe the selectmen for Affessors the present year

5^{ly} voted & Choofe Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk . . . Town Clerk

6^{ly} voted & Choofe Phine^s Hartwell Town treasurer . . . town treasurer

7^{ly} voted & Choof Hezekiah Hodskins Constable for the south side of s^d town Constable
Hodskins Refuse to serve or Give any satisfaction to the town there for when notefied

8^{ly} voted & Choofe Leu^t Jonathan Page Conftable for the North side of s^d town Conftable

Jonathan Page accepted his Choofe & Paid his ten Dollars for a hire of Collector in his Room to Collect the taxes the present year according to a former vote

9^{ly} voted & Choofe m^r afa Perrey & Jofeph Polley wardans the present year warden

10^{ly} voted & Choofe m^r Jacob upton & m^r Jonathan Ruffell tythingmen tythingmen

11^{ly} voted & Choofe for Highways Surveyours m^r Afa Perry m^r Jacob upton m^r Thomas Stearns m^r Jacob Allen & m^r Abraham Ferwell & m^r Thomas Eaton and m^r Johnathan Ruffell & m^r Abraham Jaquith & Jofeph Fox Esqr & m^r Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r for the present year Highway Surveyours

12^{ly} voted & Choofe for Hog Reves m^r Jacob fullam william Rider Berzelel Gibson Hogreves

13^{ly} voted & Choofe m^r Ebenezer Thurston & m^r Jofhua Parce fire wards fire wards

14^{ly} voted & Choofe m^r John Upton surveyre of Clabords & shingles & Boards surveyour of Clabords & Shingles & Boards

[261] 15^{ly} voted & Choofe Cap^t Jonathan wood surveyour of Hoops & Staves Hoops & Staves

16^{ly} voted & Choofe m^r David Parce Sealer of weights & meafurers sealer of weights and meafurers

17^{ly} voted & Choofe m^r Jacob Allen & m^r Daniel Putnam fence vewers fence vewers

18^{ly} voted & Choofe m^r oliver Brown a sealer of Leather sealer of Leather

19^{ly} voted to Raife one Hundred & fifty pounds to keepe the Highways & Bridges in Repair the Prefent year and the above money to be Difpofed of in the same manner for an hour & for oxen & for tools as was seet Last year the surveyers are Choofen Collectors of the highway taxes & the tax to be worked out the Last Day of Novem-

ber 1785 the surveyours to Give Legal & timely Notice for the work and that person that neglects to workt out there Rate within the time perfixt are exposed to pay there money to the Collectors as other Rate and the money be Converted to the use of the Highway in the Deftrict where it is Collected

20^{ly} voted that the selectmen Give the treafurer order to Give those person that over paid there Clafs Rate to the Collector order to Recive the over plus Back to Discharge other Rates in s^d Collectors hand if any there be

21^{ly} m^r Joseph Down Bid of mrs Hart for Daniel Ferwell at Eight pounds twelve shillings provided shee Lives the year out so in propotion if shee should not Live the year out

22^{ly} submitt williams Girl Lydea Bid of By m^r Joseph Phelps for two shillings a week & find her vitling Lodging & warfhing & mending while shee Lives with s^d Phelps

23^{ly} voted & Chooſe Leu^t Paul weatherbee & Aſeph Goodridge & Elijah Garfield a Committee to enſpect the Great Bridge in the midle of the town to see what is wanting for the Covering & Repairing the ſaid Bridge and make a Report emediately as ſoon as may bee . .

the Ninth article in the warrant paſſed over & Diſmiſed

24^{ly} voted to Let the ſwine Go at Large the preſent year under the Regulation of the Law

25^{ly} the Committee Report of the Bridge accepted & paſſed the following votes voted that the Committee be impowered to Let the Gitting of the Plank for the Covering of the Bridge out at the Beſt manner and Collect the under timber for the Repeiring the Bridge that is wanting at the Cheepeſt Rate

26^{ly} voted to ajourne this meeting with thoſe articles that are not acted on to the firſt munday in April Next at one of the Clock in the after noone the meeting is ajorned accordingly

Phinehas Hartwell Clerk

April y^e 4th 1785 the town meet according to ajournment and proceeded to the Buſineſs of the Day

27^{ly} voted to Choofe Collectors to Collect the taxes for the prefent year the Loweft Bidder to be the Collector with a Good Bondsman to the towns acceptance . . .

*28^{ly} voted to Difcontunere the old Road that Leads on the Back of the pirl hill By where John Parkes Lived & accept of a new one in the Room Laid out under the hill to the two Berreys houfes the Land is Given By s^d owners & to Clear out s^d Road on there own Coft the Difcription of s^d Road two Rod Road as followes beginning at the old Road Betwene m^r Jofeph Phelps & Col^o Bridges then Runs Northerdly on Land of Jofeph Phelps as Near Col^o Bridges Line is Covenant for a Road till it Comes within aboute fifteen Rods of stephen Pingreys Land then Runing Eaft of a Cheftnut tree markt then Runing on Land of m^r Pingrey Northeaft of a Cheftnut tree marked then Runing eaft of a white oak tree marked then Runing Eaft of a Black oak tree marked then Runing Northerly on Land of Nathaniel Berry Eaft of a Rock maple tree marked then Runing Eaft of a white oak tree marked then Runing Eaft of a white pine tree mark,t then Runing Eaft of a Rock maple tree marked on Land of samuell Berry then Runing Eaft of said Berrey houfe Northerly till it Comes to Land of Jonathan Lemons the Land all Given By the owners where the Road Runs and this Road is in Lue of the Road that was Laid out and Led By where John Parks Lived the Road accepted By the town so far as Laid out & Given

Jofeph Phelps	}	Committed appointed By order of the selectmen
stephen Pingrey		

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Fitchburg February y^e 18th 1785

[262] 29^{ly} The vote was Put to see if the town of fitchburg would vote of the Northwesterdly Corner of said town of fitchburg according to there Plan Laid before the town annexed to there Requeft the Requeft Legally in Certed in a warrant for the above purpofe and it pafsed in the Negative

*Now known as Marshall Road. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

the meeting ajourned to Esqr Cowdens House for one half hour the town meet on ajournment at said house & proceeded as followes

30^{ly} voted this meeting be adjourned to the Eighth Day of this instant april at one of the Clock in the after Noon at the meeting House the meeting is accordingly ajourned

April y^e 8th 1785 the town meet according to adjournment & proceeded to the buisness of the Day

31st voted to Dismiss Deacon David Goodridge as Moderator he being not able to perform the Buiseness in hand
Deacon David Goodridge moderator

voted & Choofe mr Afa Perry Moderator in the Room of Deacon Goodridge to to Govern s^d meeting

32^{ly} voted to adjourne meeting Down to the house of Capt Cowden for five minuts the town meet on the ajurnement at the house and proceeded to the Buiseness in hand

33^{ly} voted to Choofe a Collector on the south side of s^d town first { the Laft bid Lies on m^r David Pratt at Nineteen Dollars on the hundred pound for Collecting

34^{ly} voted to try the North side of s^d town for a Collector the Bid Lies on m^r John Shiple at Nineteen Dollars & ½ on the hundred pound voted and accepted of Dr Jonas marshell as a Bondsman for m^r Shiple to serve Collector

35^{ly} voted to accept of Thomas Stearns as Bondsman for m^r said David pratt to serve Collector

36^{ly} voted to adjourne this meeting to tuesday the twelveth Day of this instant April the meeting is accordingly ajourned

April y^e 12th 1785 the town meet according to the adjournment & proceeded to the Buiseness of the Day m^r John Shiple & m^r David pratt Gave Liberty to have the town try for a New Bid for a Collector on each side of s^d town to Collect the taxes the present year

37^{ly} voted to journe Down to the house of Esqr Cowdens for five minuts the town meet according to ajournment & proceeded to the buiseness in hand . . .

38^{ly} voted to try for a Collector on the North side of s^d town the Laft bidd Lies on m^r Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r at seventeen Dollars & ½ on the hundred pounds so in propotion for a Lessor or Greater sum for Collecting the taxes

39^{ly} voted to accept of m^r Elijah Garfield to be Bondsman for m^r Phinehas sawyer Ju^r for him to serve Collector for the North side of the town for the year 1785—for the faithfull Discharge of his Dnety in office

30th voted to try for a Collector on the south side of said town the Laft bid Lies on m^r Afa Perry at seventeen Dollars & ½ on the hundred pound for Collecting the taxes so in propotion for a Lessor or Greater sum for the south side of the town for the year 1785

31st voted to accept of m^r Thomas Stearns to be Bondsman for m^r Afa Perry for him to serve Collector for the south side of said town for the faithfull Discharge of his Dnty in office

32^{ly} voted this meeting be Disolved

Afa Perrey . . . Moderator

Fitchburg march y^e 1st 1785

Laid out by us the subscribers for Noah wifsall a two Rod Road begining at the County Road betwene Kendal Boutells and David Goodell through a part of Esqr Cowdens Land to the proprietors Land and through the proprietors Land to Land of Cap^t Nethaniel wright and through s^d Rights Land a south westerdly point to the town Line and marked the trees on the Northwesterly side of s^d Road this Road accepted so far as Given

Kendall Boutell	} Committee apponted By the Selectmen
Thomas Stearns	
Noah wifwell	

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[263] (seal) Worcester fs To John Ferwell Constable for the town of fitchburg Greeting By a Legal Request from the inhabitance of the west part of the town to us the suberibers

These are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts to will & Require you forthwith to Notify & warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitation of the town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in town meetings to assemble & meet at the meeting house in on munday the second Day of may Next at one of the Clock in the afternoon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles to wit

1st to Choose a moderator to Govern s^d meeting

2^{ly} to see if the town of fitchburg will Receive about a mile or more in weadth of Land with the inhabitation thereon of the Northerdly part of the town of westminster Bounding on the Northwesterdly part of fitchburg to Be annexed thereto to be Convened with others of the inhabitation of s^d town for the publick worship of God and to be vested with all other Priviledges with said town in publick matters to Joyn with the Inhabitation of s^d fitchburg to Build a meeting House on m^r Ezra uptons Land By the County Road near or aganst the end of the Road that Leads from m^r John Carters to the County Road . . . or act any thing Referring thereto as they shall think proper

3^{ly} to see if the town will Grant Leave for the Delinquents of the Highway tax for the year 1784 which by a former vote was to be aded to the town Rate and see if the town will Grant Leave to have the Remaining part of said tax which is annexed to the town Bill to be taken of and aded to the Lift of the present surveyours to be Collected or worked out fourthwith or act any thing there on as they shall think proper

4^{ly} to see if the town will Authorize or impower the selectmen to Give securitys on the towns behalf for the towns Debts & indemnify them from all sutes of Law that may a rise on former security Given By the selectmen in behalf of said town heretofore and Discharge the same to final Judgment

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned—

Given under our Hand & seal at fitchburg this Eighteenth Day of this instant april and in the year of our Lord 1785

Phinehas Hartwell } Selectmen
Oliver Stickney } for fitchburg

Worcester fs in obedience to the within warrant I have Notified and warned all the freeholders & other of the inhabitation of the towne of fitchburg to meet at the time and Place within mentioned as the Law Directs

Fitchburg May y^e 2nd 1785

John Ferwell Constable
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[264] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitation of the town of fitchburg assembled on monday the second Day of may 1785 . . . the meeting being opned . . .

1st ly voted & Choofe M^r Daniel Putnam Moderator to Govern s^d meeting

2^{ly} voted to Difmifs the second article in the warrant in Regard to taking on a mile of the town of westminster to be annexed to fitchburg according to a Request of a number of the inhabitation of the west part of fitchburg

3^{ly} voted to the Delinquents that was not worked out in Last year Highway tax for the year 1784 that was aded on the town bill and & add it to the present Highway surveyours Lifts to be worked out emediately or the money Collected & put to the use of mending of the Road

4^{ly} voted to accept of the fourth article as it Now stands in the warrant

voted to authorize & impower the selectmen to Give security on the towns Behalf for the towns Debts and indemnify them from all sutes of Law that may arife on former securityes Given by the selectmen in behalf of said town heretofore and Discharge the same to final Judgment this meeting Disolved

Daniel Putnam Moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seal) Worcester fs To John Ferwell Constable for the town of fitchburg for the County aforesaid—Greeting

These are in the Name of the Common wealth of the Mafsachufetts to will & Require you fourthwith to Notify by verble Notice in an open town meeting the inhabitation of the town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in town meeting to meet at the meeting houfe in said town at four O Clock this second Day of may in the after noon to act on the following article viz

1^{ly} to Choofe a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} to see if the town will take into Confideration the Circuller Letter sent from Leominster or act any thing there on as they shall think proper . . .

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant to some one of us on or before the time afore mentioned Given under our hand & seal this second Day of may 1785

Oliver Stickney } Selectmen
Thomas stearns } for fitchburg

Worcester fs May y^e 2nd 1785

In obedince to the within warrant I have Notified & warnd the freeholders and other of the inhabitation of the town of fitchburg Qualified by Law to vote in town meetings to meet at time and place within mentioned

John Ferwell Conftable

[265] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitation of the town of fitchburg affembled on monday the second Day of this instant may 1785 at four of the Clock P. M. to take into Confideration a Circuller Letter from Leominster for forming a New County

1^{ly} voted & Choofe m^r Daniel Putnam Moderator

2^{ly} voted to Choofe three as a Committee to meet the other Neighbouring towns at Lanlord Whitneys Inn-holders in Lunenburg on the Nineteenth Day of this instant may to Consult matters Relative to forming a New County

3^{ly} voted & Choofe the following Gentlemen viz Thomas Cowden Esqr D^r Jonas Marfhell M^r Elijah Garfield to meet the other towns in a Consultation for the above porpofe

the meeting Dissoved

Daniel Putnum Moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester Is To John Ferwell Constable for the town of fitchburg for s^d County Greeting These are in the Name of the Commonweath of the massachusetts to will & Require you forthwith to Notify all the male Inhabitance of fitchburg of twenty one years of age & upward having a freehold Estate within said town of the annuel income of three pounds or any Estate of the value of sixty pounds to assemble & meet at the meeting house in fitchburg on fryday the thirteenth Day of may Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following article to wit

1^y to see if the town will Eleet & Depute any person to serve for & Represent them in the Great & General Court or assemply to be held in this Commonweath on the Laft wednes day in may A Greeable to the Constitution or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us at or before the Day & time above mentioned Given under our hand & seal at fitchburg this twenty Ninth Day of april & in the year of our Lord 1785

Phin^s Hartwell } Select men for
oliver Stickney } fitchburg

Worcester Is in obedience to the within warrant I have Notified & warned all the freeholders and other inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote for a Representative to meet at the time & place within mentioned —

John Ferwell Conftable

Fitchburg may y^e 13th 1785

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg assembled on fryday the thirteen Day of this instant may 1785 the meeting opned & the motion put to see if the town will send a Representative to Represent

the town the present year & the vote Called & it passed
in the Negative

thee meeting Dissolved

Phineas Hartwell Town Clerk

[266] (seal) Worcester Is To John Ferwell Constable
for the town of fitchburg for the year 1785 . . Greeting

These are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the
Massachusetts to will and Require you forthwith to Notify
& warn all the free holders & other Inhabitation of the
town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in town meet-
ings to assemble & meet at the meeting house in fitchburg
on thursday the fifteenth Day of september at one of the
Clock in the after noon then & there being Duly meet &
formed to act on the following articles to wit

1st to Choose a moderator to Govern s^d meeting . .

2^{ly} to Raise money to support the Revn^d mr payson
the present year

3^{ly} to see what sum or sums of money shall be Raised
to support the schools and to see what way it shall be
Laid out or act any thing there on as they shall think
proper

4^{ly} to Raise money to support mi^s hart & the other
poor that is become Chargeable to s^d town or act any thing
thereon as the Shall think proper

5^{ly} to see what method the town will take to Gitt
m^r paysons wood the present year or act any thing there-
on as they shall think proper

6^{ly} to see if the town will allow such accounts as are
Laid before them for service Done for s^d town

7^{ly} to see what sum or sums of money the town
shall Raise to Defray there Necessary Charges the present
year or act any thing there on as they shall think proper

8^{ly} to see if the town will abate any persons Rates
in any of the Collectors or Constables Lift that Cant be
Collected

9^{ly} to see if the town will Choose a Saxon to take
Care of the meeting House and Dig Graves or act any
thing thereon as they shall think proper

10^{ly} to see if the town will Chose a Committee to Repaire the meeting House or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

11^{ly} to see if the town will fence the Buring place or act any thing there on as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon on or before said Day Given under our Hand & seal this first Day of september & in the year of our Lord A D. 1785

Oliver Stickney } Select men for
Thomas Stearns } fitchburg

Worcester fs sept^t ye 14th 1785

In obedience to the with in warrant I have Notified and warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in town meetings to Afsemble and meet at the meeting house in fitchburg on the fifteenth Day of this Instant September

John Ferwell Constable

[267] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg afsembled sept^tm^r ye 15th 1785

1st voted & Choofe m^r Daniel Putnam moderator

2^{ly} voted to Raife 66-13-4 to support the Revn^d Mr Payfon the prefont year £66-13- 4

3^{ly} voted to Raife forty five pounds to support the school the present year 45- 0- 0

4^{ly} voted to hire a Grammer school mafter for the town the said Gammer school to be kept four months & each Quarter to have there mounth the said Gramer school to begin in town Before December next

5^{ly} voted that the Remaining part of the money to be school out in each Divition as ufal

6^{ly} voted to Choofe six as a Committee to provide schooling in each part of said town viz Thomas Cowden Efqr m^r Reuben smith Liut John putnum m^r Joseph Downe m^r John Goodridge Doct Jonas marshall

7^{ly} voted to Raife money to pay m^r Daniel Ferwell for supporting mi^s hart one whole year Eight pounds twelve shillings 8-12- 0

8^{ly} voted to Raife money to pay m^r Joseph Phelps for keeping Lydea williams one whole year at 2/ a week five pound four shillings 5- 4- 0

9^{ly} voted to Lett m^r Payson wood out at the Lowest bidder the article being ajourned for the present

10^{ly} voted to Raife the money to pay M^r William Hafkells account for bording Lydea williams 20 week . .
3- 0- 0

11^{ly} voted to Raife the money to pay m^r oliver stickneys accompt for service Done as an affessor & other matters two pound Eleven shillings 6^d two acct in . 2-11- 6

12^{ly} voted to Raife money to pay Phinehas Hartwell accounts which is four pound six shillings & Eight pence for service Done as an Affessor, & other matters . 4- 6- 8

13^{ly} voted to Raife money to pay John Ferwell his accompt to sherley with a warrant 0- 6- 4

14 voted that those persons that have Don service for the Town Lay there accompt^s before the selectmen to be agreed on & allowed before the meeting for Granting money to Discharge the same and also the Collectors or Constables in any abatements on there Rate Bills are to be a bated By the affessors for the futere

15^{ly} voted to allow Thomas starnes account as an Affessor & other matters & Raife the money for the same . .
2-17-10

16^{ly} voted to pass over the seventh article for the Raising of the whole sum of money to the ajournment till all the accounts are brought in and setled for service Done for said town

17^{ly} voted to Choosse m^r Ephraim Kimball saxon and to Dig the Graves for the town for the future

18^{ly} voted that the selectmen Repair the meeting house fourthwith as soon as may bee

19^{ly} voted that the Buring Place be Bounded out with Corners sett up and fenced in

20^{ly} voted to Choosse a Committee of three men to agree on the bounds & set them up and also fence said Buring Place viz Joseph Fox Esq^r Lu^t Paul weatherbe and M^r David Pratt to Consist of said Committee . . .

21st voted to ajourn this meeting Down to the house of Esq^r Cowdens for one half hour then the town proceeded as followes vandued of m^r paysons wood to John ferwell the Lowest bider

22^{ndly} voted to allow M^r John ferwell five pound Eighteen shillings to provide theirty Cord of Good wood at m^r paysons Dore to m^r paysons acceptance . 5-18- 0 and Raifed the money for the same

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[268] 23^{ly} voted to ajourn this meeting to wednesf Day the twenty Eight Day of this Instant September at one of the Clock in the after noon at the meeting house the meeting is adjourned accordingly

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

September 28th 1785 the Town meet on the ajournment the meeting being opned then proceded as follows

24^{ly} voted to Raife the money to pay the Committee appointed for Repairing the Great Bridge and those persons that ware employed in Gitting plank & Labour Done with other Necessary articles of timber & string peaces for s^d Bridge the account to the Committee amounting to thirteen pound Eighteen shillings as a Committee . . .

13-18-0

voted m^r Elijah Garfield accompt^t exclusive the other account above mentioned for service Done at y^e Great Bridg Collecting workmen & his own Labour with two Day attending at Lunenburg on the Committee for Erecting a new County which sum is 2-10-8

voted m^r Ebenezer Thurftons accompt^t for service Don at the Great Bridge imployed By the selectmen in the year 1783 which sum is 1- 1-8

voted m^r John Thurston Ju^r accompt^t for bording oliver Harrice six weeks while sent to school 2/ 7^d week the town poor 0-12-0

voted m^r oliver Stickney account for three Days making highway taxes in april Exclusive the other account before mentioned which sum is 0- 9-0

voted m^r Ephraim Osburn account for Labour at the Great Bridge in the year 1783 which was not before allowed which sum is 0- 5-4

voted m^r Abner Sawyer acc^t for Labour at the Great Bridge in the year 1783 for five Day & oxen & wheels one Day pd 0-14-0 pd

voted Thomas Cowden Esq^r account for service for the town at worcester & at Boston on account of a fine & sweeping y^e meeting house one whole year & other matters with mitt williams being Carred out of town . . . 3-11-8

voted Esq^r Foxes account for Rum & Suger at the Raifing of the Great Bridge 1783 0- 7-0

voted & Raife two Hundred and sixty Eight pounds six shillings & six pence to Defray Neccessary Charges that have arisen by Notes & other Dues above mentioned to be paid into y^e treasure including what was to Raife at the fifteenth of sepember 1785 at the first opening of the meeting which is one hundred & forty four pounds Eleven shillings & two pence together with the whole sum mentioned Discharging of Neccessary Charges the whole amounting to 268- 6-6

25^{ly} voted that the Committee appointed for fencing the Buring yard Cause the same to be fenced as they shall think proper for the Best Intrest of the Town . . .

26^{ly} voted this meeting to be Disolved

Daniel Putnam Moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[269] (seal) Worcester fs To M^r John Ferwell Constable for the Town of fitchburg Greeting

These are In the Name of the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts to will & Require you forthwith to Notife & warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in Town meetings to assamble & meet at the meeting House in fitchburg on munday the sixth Day of march Next at ten of the Clock in the fore noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles to witt

first—to Choofe a Moderator to Govern s^d meeting

2^{ly} to Choofe selectmen & other Town offceries as the Law Directs

3^{ly} to Choofe Collectors to Collect the Publick taxes or act any thing there on as they shall think porper

4^{ly} to see if the Town will accept of any Roads that are Laid out By the selectmen or there order . . .

5^{ly} to see if the Town will Difcontinue any Road or Roads which shall be Laid before the Town or act any thing there on as they shall think proper

6^{ly} to see what sum or sums of money the Town will Raife to keep the Highways & Bridges in Repair the prefent year or act any thing there on as they shall think proper

7^{ly} to see what method the Town will Take to support the poor that are become Chargeble to the town or act any thing there on as they shall think proper . . .

8^{ly} to see if the Town will allow the swine to Go at Large under the Regulation of the Law

9^{ly} to see if the Town will Choofe a Committee to settle with M^r Jacob upton with Regard to his money which he saith he Lent to the Town or act any thing there on as they shall think proper

10^{ly} to see what the Town will Do in Regard to M^r Nathan Badcocks Road being Shut up which was formerly Laid from s^d Badcocks Land betwene Lev^t Jonathan Pages Land & m^r W^m Harkell Land to the other Road or act any thing there on as they shall think proper . . .

11^{ly} to see if the Town will vote any thing with Regard to altering the seats in the meeting Houfe for the ufe of the singers agreeable to a Requft of a Number of the Inhabitance of s^d town

12^{ly} to see if the Town will vote that the Reven^d M^r Payson to have Liberty to Preach at the weftardly part of the Town any Part of the Time in the year or act any thing there on as they shall think proper

13^{ly} to see if the Town will abate one Minifter tax of M^r Thomas Parlmer in Daniel Ferwell Lift or act any thing there on as they shall think proper for 1780 . . .

Here of faile not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowings there on to some one of us on or before said Day & time above mentioned Given under our Hands

& seal this Thirteenth Day of this instant february & in the year of our Lord 1786

Oliver Stickney } Select men
Thomas Stearns } for fitchburg

Worcester fs In obidence to the within warrant I have Notified & warned all the freeholders and other of the Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in town meetings to affemble & meet at the Time & Place within mentioned

John Ferwell Constable.

Fitchburg March ye 6th 1786

[270] att a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg affsembled march ye 6th 1786 the meeting Being opned and Proceeded as follows

first voted & Choofe M^r Daniel Putnam Moderator to Govern s^d meeting moderator

2^{ly} voted to Choofe three selectmen to serve for the prefont year

3^{ly} voted & Choofe M^r Daniel Putnam & Thomas stearns & Leu^t Paul Weatherbee selectmen

4^{ly} voted to Choofe three affeffors for the prefont year

5^{ly} voted & Choofe m^r Daniel Putnam & m^r Thomas Stearns & Lev^t Paul weatherbee affeffors

6^{ly} voted & Choofe Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk . . Clerk

7^{ly} voted & Choofe Phinehas Hartwell Town Treafurer Town Treafurer

8^{ly} voted & Choofe M^r Oliver stickney } Constable for the south side of s^d Town

9^{ly} voted & Choofe M^r Amos ordway Con- } Constable stable for the North side of s^d Town

10^{ly} voted to excuse M^r Oliver stickney in serving as *Collector to Collect the Publick taxes for the prefont year for his paying in his ten Dollars hard money into the Town as the Towns property

11^{ly} voted to Choofe two wardens for the prefont year viz m^r Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r & m^r John Ferwell . . wardans

12^{ly} voted & Choofe Mr Jofeph simons & Cap^t Thomas Hartwell as Tythingmen Tythingmen

13^{ly} voted & Choofe Mr John Goodridge & Mr Hezekiah Hodgskins & Mr John Ferwell & Mr Blaney Phillips Mr Phinehas Brown Mr Abraham willard Jofeph Polley Elijah Garfield Jacob Gibson & Mr Abraham Jaquith . . surveyours of Highways & Collectors for the same

14^{ly} voted & Choofe Mr Thomas Hilton & Mr Jefse French & Sam^{ll} Berry Hogreves

15 voted & Choofe Jofhua Parce & Phinehas Browns fire wards fire wards

16 voted & Choofe John upton suryeours of shingles & Clabords & Boards . . shingles & Clabords suryeour

17^{ly} voted & Choofe Cap^t Jonathan wood suryeor of Hoops & staves surveyour of Hoops & staves

18^{ly} voted & Choofe Mr Afa Perrey & Mr Jacob Upton fence vewers fence vewers

19^{ly} voted & Choofe Mr David Parce sealer of weights & meafurers sealer of weights & measurers

20^{ly} voted & Choofe Mr Oliver Brown a sealer of Leather sealer of Leather

21 voted to pafs over the Third article in the warrant in Regard to Choofing Collectors at the Present or till the meeting on the adjournment

22^{ly} voted to accept of a two Rod Road Laid out By the select men By the Request of Mr Abraham Willard the said willard Engages the Land Given for said Road Beginning at s^d willard Dwelling House Runing Eastardly through the Lot of Land formerly owned By Cap^t samuell ward & others to the south west Corner of the widow whit Combs Land so Called to the Rode Leading to Mr Reubens Smiths the above mentioned Road to be a Bridle Road the treefe marked principle on the North side of said Rode Laid out By the Select men By the Request of Mr Abraham Willard February 14th 1786

See page 116 for same	Phinehas Hartwell	} Committee
	Oliver Stickney	
	Abraham willard	

[271] 23^{ly} voted to accept of a Two Rod Road Newly Laid out Beginning on the North end of oak Hill

Runing 30 Rods on the Land of Daniel ferwell to the Land of samuell Harrice then on said Harrices Land till it Comes out By said Harrices House the Land Given By the owners of said Lands the old Road is to be Dif-continued when the New Road is made pafable this Road Laid out by order of the selectmen March y^e 3rd 1786

Joseph Downe sam^l Harrice impowered

24^{ly} voted to Raifed one Hundred & fifty pounds to keepe the Highways & Bridges in Repair the present year £150-0-0

25^{ly} voted that the money Raifed for the Highway Be worked out in the same manner as was voted Laft year in Regard to the Hour & the ox Labour & tools for the service the present year at the highways

26^{ly} voted & Chooſe the Highway ſurveyours Collectors to Collect the tax that are not worked out & ſee it is put to the uſe of the highway ſervice work

27^{ly} voted that the Loweſt Bidder ſhall be intitled the priveledge of keeping the poor on the towns Coſt Either by the week or the year

28^{ly} voted to Give m^r Daniel Ferwell ten pounds ſix ſhillings to keepe mi^s Hart for one whole year ſo in propotion if ſhee ſhould not Live the year out . . £10-6- 0-0

29^{ly} voted to Give M^r Joſeph Phelps one Shilling & ten pence per week for the Boarding and Lodging Lydea williams the towns poor £0-1-10-

30th voted that the ſwine Go at Large the present year under the Regulation of the Law

31st voted to Chooſe three men as a Committee to ſettle with M^r Jacob upton in Regard to his money Lent to the Town

32^{ly} voted Doct Jonas Marſhall & M^r Elijah Garfield & M^r Afa Perrey as a Committee to ſettle with m^r upton in Regard to his money Lent to the Town in the Time of war & make Report to the Town on the meeting on the adjournment

33^{rdly} voted to paſs over the article in Regard to M^r Nathan Badcocks Road till the meeting on the adjournment

34^{ly} voted to have the frunt Gallery made Covenant for the singers provided they Dow it on there own Cost for that use

35^{ly} voted to pafs over the 12 article in Regard to Mr Payfons Gowing to Preach at the west part of the Town till the meeting on the adjournment

36^{ly} voted to abate Tho^s Parmler Minifter Rate in Daniel ferwell Lift in the year 1780

37^{ly} voted to adjourn this meeting Down to the House of Esqr Cowdens for one ½ hour

38^{ly} voted to Dismifs Mr Amos Ordway from serving Highway surveyour he being Chooße into that office

39^{ly} voted that the Lowest Bidders May be the Collectors to serve the present year for each side of the Town to Collect the Publick taxes they finding Good Bondsmen to the acceptance of the town for there faithfull Discharge of there Duty as a Collector

40^{th.ly} voted to adjourn this meeting to the sixteenth Day of this instant march two one of the Clock in the after Noon at the meeting House this meeting adjourned accordingly

March y^e 16th 1786 the Town meet according to the adjournment the meeting being opned & proceeded to the Buifenefs of the Day

41 voted & accepted of the Committees Report in Regard to the settlement with m^r Jacob upton & allowed m^r upton Eleven shillings & four pence as his Due

42 voted to Dismifs the 12 article in the warrant Respecting m^r payfons Going to preach at the west part of the Town in any part of the year

[272] 43^{rdly} voted to adjourn this meeting Down to the House of Esqr Cowdens for one half Hour the meeting Being opned & proceeded to the Buifenefs of s^d meeting for the Gitting Colletors moved for a Colletor for the south side of said town & was put up to y^e Lowest Bider and was struck of to m^r Reuben smith at three pound one shillings & Nine pence on the Hundred ponnd for Collecting the publick taxes the present year he finding Sufficient Bondsmen to the acceptance of the town

44^{ly} voted & Choofe Mr Reuben smith Colletor for the south side of s^d Town for the present year & to allow him the three pound one shilling & Nine pence on the Hundred pound he shall Collect & accepted of Mr Jacob upton & Do^{ct} Jonas marshall as Bondsmen for said Reuben smith for his being faithfull in the Discharg of his Duty as a Colletor in Collecting the publick taxes that shall be Committed to him to Collect & pay y^e same into the several treafurers as ordred By the Affeffors of s^d town

45th article voted & accepted of Mr Reuben smith to serve Constable in the Room of Mr oliver stickney the present year for the whole town in that office . . .

46^{ly} voted to Dismiss Amos Ordway from serving Constable for the North side of s^d town

47th article voted to adjourn this meeting to the twentyth Day of this instant march which is munday to the meeting Houfe at Nine of the Clock in the morning this meeting is adjourned accordingly

Phinehas Hartwell Clerk

March y^e 20th 1786 the Town meet according to the Day adjourned to & Proceeded to the Buifeness of the Day the meeting being opned

48th article voted & Reconfidered the vote for Dismissing Mr amos ordway for serving Constable for the North side of said town & Choofe him a New for that office to serve the present year and excused the said amos ordway from serving Colleter to Collect the publick taxes for his paying in ten Dollars to the Town as the towns property to hire a Colletor for the North side of said town the present year in the Room of s^d ordway

49th arti voted that Mr Nathan Badcock & Mr William Haskell have the Liberty to work out there Highway tax in making a stone wall on one side of the Highway Leading from said Badcocks Land to the Road that Leads from Lev^t Pages to the town on the south side of said Road at two shillings a Rod for Building said wall till there High way tax is worked out at that price & the wall finifhed

50th.ly voted & Choofe m^r Thomas Cowden Ju^r affeffor for the present year to assift the making the publick taxes

51st article voted to allow Mr Afeph Goodridge his Highway tax the present year for keeping or making the Gates on the way from said Goodridges Land to the Great Road that Leads to the meeting House through m^r Burnhams Lands

52nd arti voted to adjourn this meeting to munday the twenty seventh Day of this instant march at the meeting house at four a Clock in the after noon the meeting is adjourned accordingly

Phinehas Hartwell Clerk

[273] 27th of march 1786 The Town meet on the adjournment according to the Time and the meeting being opned & proseeded to y^e Buifeness of y^e Day

53rd ly voted & Choofe M^r Thomas Starns moderator in the Room of m^r Daniel Putnam s^d Putnam being Neceffaryly abfent then Recived m^r ordways Note for his being excused serving Collector of ten Dollars for his time

54 voted to adjourn this meeting to april the 3^d Day at the meeting house at two of the Clock in the after Noon this meeting is adjourned accordingly

april y^e 3rd 1786 The Town meet according to adjournment the meeting being opned & proceeded to the Buifeness of the Day

55^{ly} voted to adjourn this meeting to half an hour after five a Clock of s^d Day in y^e after noon by Reafon that the people not being Collected after the people hing affembled

56 arti voted to adjourn this meeting Down to the House of Efqr Cowdens for one half hour the meeting Being opned & proceded as followes it was moved to put up the Collector for the North side of said town it being Bid of to Cap^t Thomas Hartwell for four pound six shillings on the Hundred pound that he shall Collect & pay into the treafurer By order

57^{ly} voted to accept of Cap^t Thomas Hartwell Collector for the North side of s^d town for the year 1786 and also Deacon John Thurfton & Elijah Garfield as Bondsmen for said Hartwells faithfull Difcharge of his office as Collector for said year in paying such taxes as shall be Com-

mitted to him to Collect to the treasurers as ordered for the State & Town & County By the affeffors

58^{arti} voted to Give Cap^t Thomas Hartwell four pounds six shillings on the Hundred pound that he shall Collect & pay into the severel treasurers as shall be ordred By the affeffors of s^d town

this Meeting Difsolved

Daniel Putnam moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seal) Worcester fs To M^r Reuben smith Conftable for y^e Town of fitchburg Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of the Maffachufetts thefe are to Require you agreeable to Law to Notifie and warn all the male inhabitance of said Town Being twenty one years of age & upwards having annel income of three pound or any other Eftate to the value of sixty pounds to affemble and meet at the meeting Houfe in said fitchburg on Munday the third Day of april next at three of the Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on y^e following articles

1st to Bring your votes for a Governor

2^{dy} to Bring in your votes for a Lev^t Governor

3^{ly} to Bring in your votes for five Senators

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your Doings there on to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our Hand & seal this twentyth Day of march 1786 Daniel Putnam } selectmen for
Paul weatherbee } Fitchburg

April y^e 3rd 1786 In obedience to the within warrant I have Notified & warned all the male inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in the within mentioned meeting att the time & Place within Directed

Reuben Smith Constable

[274] att a Legal Meeting of the inhabitance of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled April the third 1786 the Meeting being opned

the following Gentlemen voted for as follows for a Governor

	votes	
first for his Excellency James Bordwine Esqr	1	} Governor
for the Honourable Thomas Chufhen Esqr	4	
for the Honourable Samuella Holton Esqr	12	

The following Gentlemen voted for Lev^t Governor

	votes	
first for the Hon ^{ble} Thomas Chufhen Esqr	1	} L ^t Governor
for the Hon ^{ble} Samuella Holton Esqr	4	
for the Hon ^{ble} Oliver Prefcott Esqr	11	

The following Gentlemen voted for senators

first for Abel Willder	Esqr	18	} Senators
for sam ^l Curtifs	Esqr	17	
for John Fezenton	Esqr	17	
for General Larnard	Esqr	17	
for Jonathan Grout	Esqr	13	
for Josiah Stearns		4	

this meeting Dissolved Attest

Daniel Putnam	} select men
Thomas stearns	
Paul weatherbee	

For Fitchburg

Attest—Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seal) Worcester ss To Reuben smith Constable for the Town of fitchburg in the County afore said Greeting

These are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts to will & Require you forthwith to Notifie all the male Inhabitanc of fitchburg of twenty one years of age and upwards having a free hold Estate of the annual income of three pounds or any Estate of sixty pounds to assemble and meet at the meeting House in fitchburg on thursday the Eighteenth Day of this instant may at one of the Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following article to wit

[275] first to see if the Town will Elect and Depute any person to serve for and Represent them in the Great

an General Court or assembley to be held in this Commonwealth on the Laft wednesfday in may agreable to the Constetution or act any thing there on as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under our hand & seal at fitchburg the first Day of may in the year of our Lord 1786

Daniel Putnam	} Selectmen
Thomas Stearns	
Paul wetherbee		of fitchburg

May y^e 18th 1786 In Obedience to this warrant I have warned all the Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in town meetings as within mentioned to meet at the time & place Directed

Ruben Smith Constable

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg asssembled on Thursday the Eighteenth Day of this instant may 1786 y^e meeting Being opned & the vote Being put to see if the Town will elect & Depute any person to serve for and Represent them in y^e Great an General Court & it passed in the Negetive

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seal) Worcester fs To Mr Reuben smith Constable for the Town of fitchburg in the County of worcester aforesaid Greeting

These are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Maffachusetts to will and Require you fourthwith to Notifie all the freeholders and other Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in town meetings to assemble & meete at the meeting House in fitchburg on Thurfday the Eighteenth Day of this Instant may at three of the Clock in the after Noon then & there Being Duely meet & formed to act on the following articles

first to Choofe a Moderator to Govern s^d meeting

2^{ndly} to Bring your votes for a County Treafurer a Greable to a warrant Directed to the selectmen of said Town

3^{ly} to see if the Town will Dispose of the old paper money that is in the Hand of the Treafurer of said Town or act any thing there on as they shall Think proper . .

Here of fail not make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to some one of us at or before the Day & time above mentioned Given under our hand & seal this first Day of this instant may in the year of our Lord 1786

Daniel Putnam	} selectmen	
Thomas Stearns		
Paul Weatherbee		
		for
		Fitchburg

May y^e 15 1786 In obedience to this warrant I have Notified and warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitan-
tance of the town of fitchburg to affemble and meet at
the Time & place within mentioned

Reuben smith Conftable

[276] At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitan-
tance of the town of fitchburg affembled on Thursday y^e Eighteenth
Day of this Instant May 1786

first voted & Choofe Thomas Cowden Esqr Modera-
tor of s^d Meeting

2^{ly} voted for the following Gentlemen for the County
Treafurer

viz	Timothy Pain Esqr	No votes	13
	Mr Nathan Perry . . .	votes	25

3^{ly} voted that the Selectmen take the old Contentental
paper money into there Cuftedy to Dispose of the same
at the Best advantage they Can for the Intereft of the
Town that is Now in the hands of the Treafurer of s^d
Town

4^{ly} voted this meeting to be Difolved

Thomas Cowden Moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

May y^e 27th 1786

Mr Daniel Ferwell of fitchburg Gave Notice to the selectmen of s^d Town that he hath taken into Town the widow Lucy Ferwell and four Children Namely Lucy Luther John & Daniel Laft from Newipswich in the state of Newhamfhire we the selectmen of the Town of fitchburg Do not admitt of s^d family or Receive them as Inhabitance of s^d Town but Defire they may Remove to there Native Place of abroad for Refidence & order the above Declarition to Be entered on the Town Records the above Named perfons Came to town at the above Date
 P^r order Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Auguft y^e 8th 1786 Mr Joseph Farnsworth of s^d Fitchburg Gave Notice to the selectmen of s^d town that he hath taken into town to my house Benjamin Eaton & Lydia his wife & one Child Namly Afa all Laft from Lunenburg we the selectmen of s^d Town Do not admitt of the above Named perfons or Recive them as Inhabitance of s^d town but Defire them to Remove to there Native Place of abroad for Refidence & support & Do order the above Decleration Entred on the Book of Records the above Named perfons Came to town the fourth Day of July 1786
 P^r order Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

April y^e 10th 1786 Dr Jonas Marshall of fitchburg Gave Notice to the selectmen of said Town that he hath taken into his family the widow Rebekah Chaffin she Came to Town y^e 25th of may 1785 Laft from acton we the selectmen Do not admit her as an Inhabitant of s^d Town but Defire her to Remove to her Native place of abroad for Refedence & support & Do order the same to be Recorded on the Book of Records
 P^r order Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[277] (seal) Worcester fs To Reuben smith Constable for the town of fitchburg in the County of worcester Greeting

These are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Mafsachufetts to will and Require you in Due Courfe of

Lawe to Notifie and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble and meet at the meeting House in said Town on munday the Tenth Day of July Next at five of the Clock in the after noon then & there being Duely meet & formend to act on the following articles

frst to Choofe a moderator to Govern s^d meeting

2^{ly} to see if the Town will vote the assessors Harmless for not making up the state Tax which they have Lately Recived a tax bill for while the Town Can know whether there potition to the General Can have a hearing or not

Here of fail not make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings there on to some one of us on or before the s^d Day Given under our hands & seal this 22nd Day of June A D 1786

Daniel Putnam } selectmen for
Paul wetherbee } fitchburg

July 10th 1786 In obedance to the within warrant I have warned all the Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg Qualified by Law to vote in Town Meeting to assemble and meet at the meeting house in s^d fitchburg at the time within Directed

Reuben smith Conftable

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg assembled on Munday y^e 10th Day of July 1786

frst voted & Choofe Mr Afa Perry moderator to Govern s^d meeting

2^{ly} voted to adjourn said meeting to the second tuesday of august Next at one of the Clock in the after noon the meeting is adjourned accordingly

August y^e 8th 1786 the Town meet on the adjournment in said Day & proceeded to the Bufiness in hand the meeting being opned a motion put to Dissolve s^d meeting

3^{ly} voted to Difsolve s^d meeting the meeting is accordingly Difsolved

Afa Perry moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

August y^e 19th 1786 Mr John knights of fitchburg Gave Notice to the selectmen of said Town that he hath Taken into his House in fitchburg one Poter Davice & Hannah his wife & Hannah Davice there Daughter all Laft from Jeffery in the state of New hamfhire they came to Town y^e 22nd Day of may 1786 we the selectmen of s^d Town Do Not admitt of said persons as Inhabitants of said Town but Defire them to Remove to there Native place of abroad for Refedence & support & Do order the same to be Recorded in the book of Records

7^r order Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

January 23rd 1787 Mr Benjamin Danforth of Fitchburg Gave Notice to the selectmen of said Town that he hath Brought into Town one Betfy Noney she was Born in Lexonton she Came to the Town of Fitchburg in the month of May 1784 we the select men of said Town Do Not admit of said perfon as an inhabitant of said Town but Defire Her to Remove fourthwith to her Native place of abroad for Refidence & support and Do order the same to be Recorded in the Book of Records

7^r order Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[278] Worcefter Is To Reuben Smith Constable for
(seal) the Town of fitchburgh Greeting These are in the
(seal) Name of the Commonwealth of the Maffachufetts
(seal) to will & Require in Due Courfe of Law to Notifie
(seal) and warn all y^e freeholders and other Inhabitance
of the Town of Fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in
Town meetings to affemble and meet at the Meeting
House in fitchburg on Tufeday the twelvth Day of Sep-
tember Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon then
& there Being Duly meet & formed to act on the follow-
ing article viz

- 1 to Chooſe a moderator to Govern ſaid meeting . .
- 2^{ly} to Raiſe money to ſupport y^e Revern^d John pay-
fon
- 3^{ly} to ſee what ſum or ſums of money ſhall Be
Raifed to ſupport the ſchool & to ſee what way it ſhall

be Laid out or act any thing there on as they shall think proper

4^{ly} to Raife money to support Mi^s Hart and other poor that has become Chargeble to s^d Town

5^{ly} to see what methord the Town will take to Gitt m^r payfons wood the Infuing year or act any thing there on as they shall think proper

6^{ly} to see if the Town will allow such accounts as shall be Laid before them for service Done for s^d Town

7^{ly} to see what sum or Sums of Money the Town will Raife to Defray there Necessary Charges the present year or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

8^{ly} to see if the Town will Abate any Perfons Rates in any of the Conftables or Collectors Lift that Cant Be Collected

9^{ly} to see if the Town will Chooſe a Committee to Recon with the Town treafurer & make a Report there of to the Town

10^{ly} to Chooſe a saxon to take Care the meeting houſe and Digg the Graves for the preſent year

11^{ly} to see if the Town will Chooſe a Committee to meaſure the Town in order to aſſertain the Number of acres it Contains.

12^{ly} to see if the Town will Raife a ſum of money to mend the County Road from Joſep Polleys to weſtminſter Line or act any thing thereon as they ſhall think proper

13^{ly} to see if the Town move the meeting Houſe or Build a New one in the Center of the Town or in the Neareſt Convanent place or act any thing there on as they ſhall think proper

Hereof fail not make Return of this warrand with your Dowings thereon to ſome one of us at or before the Day & time above mentioned Given under our hand & ſeals at fitchburg this twentieth Day of auguſt A D 1786

Daniel Putnam	} Select men for fitchburg
Thomas Stearns	
Paul wetherbee	

Sept^t ye 12th 1786 In Obediance to the within war-rant I have Notifid all the freeholders and other inhabi-

tance of the Town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town meeting to assemble & meet at time & Place within Directed

Reuben smith Conftable

[279] At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg Affembled Sept^t y^e 12th 1786 the meeting Being opned & proceeded as forlowes . . .

first voted & Choofe Phinchas Sawyer J^{ur} Moderator of said Meeting

2^{ly} voted to Raife 66-13-4 to support the Revern^d John payfon a year £66-13-4

3^{ly} voted to Raife £45 to support the school in Each Quarter of the Town 45- 0-0

4^{ly} voted to Choofe five perfons for a Committee to provide schooling in each Quarter of the Town the school money to be Laid out in Each Quarter of the Town as ufal the Committee are as followes M^r Jofeph Phelps Abijah Goodridge Daniel Ferwell Jofeph Fox phinehas sawyer J^{ur} Reuben Gibson J^{ur} aded

5^{ly} voted to Raife £15-2-4 to support Mi^s Hart & Lydea williams already put out to Board to pay Daniel farwell Jofeph Phelps one whole year £15-2-4

6^{ly} voted to pafs over Gitting M^r payfons wood till the adjournment of the meeting

7^{ly} voted to pafs over the sixth article in Regard to allowing accompts and the accompts to be Laid before the selectmen to Examine there Clames that they may be Juft & approved of for allowance

8^{ly} voted to abate oliver Davices Rate in Capt Burbank Lift 1783 & John ferwells Lift for the year 1784 . .

9^{ly} voted to fufpend the Eighth article on accompt^t of abating Rates till the adjournment of the meeting . . .

10^{ly} voted to Choofe a Committee to Recon with the Treafurer viz Oliver Stickney Thomas Stearns Daniel Putnam

11 voted & Choofe Ephraim Kimball to take Care the meeting houfe and Digg the Graves till a Nother be Choofen in his Room

12 voted to pass over the article in Regard to mending the County Road by m^r Jacob uptons to the Town Line

13 voted to build a New meeting house in the Center of the Town or the Nearest Convenient Place to the Center

14^{ly} voted to adjourn this meeting to the twenty sixth Day of this Instant September at one of the Clock in the after Noon this meeting is accordingly adjourned

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Sept 26 1786 The Town meet according to the adjournment the meeting being opened and proceed as follows

15 voted to Raise two Hundred & fifty pounds to Discharge the Minister and school & pay for the poor & all Necessary Charges By Dues and accounts . . .

16 voted to Raise Thirty pound to be Laid out on the County Road betwene Joseph Polleys & the Town Line, exclusive

Towns money 250-0-0

High way money 30-0-0

17 voted to Choose five men to over see that the thirty pounds be faithfully worked out on s^d Road . . .

18 voted & Choose for s^d Committee Abraham Jaquith Hezekiah Hodgskins Afa Perry Reuben smith Phinehas Brown

19 voted to abate abiather Eaton poll tax in Afa perry Rate Bill for the year 1785

[280] 20^{ly} voted the Money Raised for the Highway be Laid out by the Direction of the Committee or over Sears

21 voted to abate Aaron Eaton poll Tax for the year 1783 in Capt Burbank Lifts

22 Voted to abate James French poll tax in Capt Burbank Rate Bill which sum is £1- 3-4

23 voted to abate Joel Hale Poll Tax in Cap^t samuell Burbank Lift which sum is 1- 3-4

24 voted to abate Benjamin Stewards poll Tax in Cap^t samuell Burbank tax Bill which sum is . . 1- 3-4

*25 voted & Choof Phinehas Hartwell & Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r to make up and propotion the Thirty pounds Raifed to mend the highway By the other High way Rate Bill to Each perfon that was made Laft fpring

26 voted that M^r Payfons Wood Be Lotted out into six Lotts and Let out at the Loweft Bidder a Cord by Lott the wood to be Cut Cord wood Length & Corded up at the House of m^r payfons

No one. bid of by Leu^t Paul wetherbee at five shillings a Cord

No two Bid of by M^r Joſeph Phelps at five ſhillings a Cord

No three Bid of By m^r Daniel wetherbee at four ſhillings & ten pence Cord

No four Bid of By s^d Daniel weatherbee at four ſhillings & ten pence a Cord

No five Bid of By s^d Daniel weatherbee at four ſhillings & ten pence

No six Bid of By s^d Daniel wetherbee at four ſhillings a Coard

voted to Defolve this meeting the meeting Diſſolved accordingly

Phinehas Sawyer J^{ur} Moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Sept^t 26 1786 sundrey accounts prefented to the select men and Approved of By them & Returned to the Clerk to be put on Record are as followes

M ^r Oliver Stickneys accompt for service affeſing,	
& other matters	£ 1- 8 6
Due to Daniel Ferwell allowed at s ^d meeting	
by y ^e selectmen	0-14-10
Joſeph Sawyer for smithing & other work for	
the Town	0- 8 5
Due to Phinehas Hartwell for ſerving treafurer two years and ½ & as an aſſeſſor to making Rates & other ſervice.	11- 4- 0
Due to Thomas Stearns for Aſſeſſor and other ſervice	3-13- 6
Due to Reuben ſmith for ſervice for s ^d Town .	0- 6- 0
the above accounts voted to be paid By the Town	

[281] Worcester Is To Reuben Smith Conftable for
 (seal) the Town of fitchburg in the County of worcester
 (seal) Greeting Thefe are In the Name of the Common-
 (seal) wealth of the Maffachufetts to will & Require you
 fourthwith By verble Notice to Notifie & warn all
 the freeholders and other Inhabitance of the Town of
 fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town meetings to
 affemble & meet at the meeting houfe in fitchburg on
 Tufeday the twelveth Day of this Instant Sept^t at four of
 the Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly meet
 & formed to act on the following articles viz

firft to Choofe a moderator to Govern s^d meeting . .

2^{ly} to see if the Town will vote that the affeffors may
 Committ the Taxes to Reuben smith without any bonds-
 man as the Bondsmen that the town Accepted Refufe to
 sign the Bonds that are prefented to them or act any thing
 there on as they shall think proper

Here of fail not and make Return of this warrant
 with your Dowings thereon to some one of us on or
 before said Day Given under our hands & seal this fourth
 Day of Sept^t A D 1786

Daniel Putnam	}	selectmen
Thomas Stearns		for
Paul weatherbee		fitchburg

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of
 fitchburg affembled Sept^t ye 12th 1786

1^{ly} voted & Choofe M^r Phinehas sawyer J^{ur} Moderator
 of said meeting

2^{ly} voted that the Affeffors Committ the state tax to
 Reuben smith Conftable and all other affeffments for the
 south sid of s^d Town that may be affefed this present
 year without a bondsman To Collect & pay where ordred
 this Meeting Difolved

Phinehas sawyer J^{ur} Moderator
 Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[282] Fitchburg Sept 22nd 1786 Then Reckned &
 settled Phinehas Hartwell Town Treafurer for the years
 from 1784 to the above Date

we Find in the Hands of the several Conftables & Collectors hereafter mentioned the following sums viz

We Finde in the Hands of Jonathan Holt Con-
ftable for y^e year 1778 5-13- 6-3

we find that M^r James Patterfon Conftable for
y^e year 1779 hath over paid his Colletion
for s^d year By abatements on s^d Lifts By
the Town one pound one shilling four pence
one fathing 1- 1- 4-1

we finde a state Receipt Towns property for y^e
year 1780 Dated April 28th 1781 in the
Treasurers hand aganst Phinchas Hartwell
the Remains Due at this settlement . . . 38- 9 8 -

one minifter Rate bill y^t Due in the hands of
s^d Hartwell 13 19 0 -

we find in the Hand of Daniel Ferwell Consta-
ble for y^e year 1780 Town tax 48- 4 1-1

we find in the Hand of samuel Burbank Col-
lector for the year 1781 to 1783 34- 5- 2-3

Due on a state Recip^t in the hand of the treaf-
urer Dated June 13 1782 also one Minifter
Rate bill for y^e year 1783 in part Due . . 1- 7- 7 -

& also one souldier Rate bill for y^e year 1782
not settled y^e sum of 90-16- 0-2

we find in the hand of Cap^t Reuben Gibson
Collector in y^e year 1781 Town tax . . . 55- 2-11-1

and also a state Receipt Town property Due
from s^d Gibson Dated June 14th 1782 . . 32-18- 6 -

we find in the Hand of Joseph Phelps Collector
for y^e year 1782 Town Tax 9-15- 8-1

and also one minifter Rate bill yet Due for y^e
year 1782 37- 5-10-0

and one souldier bill not settled for s^d year . 89-15-11-3

we find in the Hand of Cap^t Thomas Hartwell
Conftable for y^e year 1783 town tax . . 18- 4- 0 -

we find in y^e hand of John Ferwell Conftable
for y^e year 1784 Town tax 13-10- 6-3

we find in y^e hand of De^a John Thurfton Col-
lector for y^e year 1784 Town tax . . . 15-11- 4-1

we find in y^e hand of Phinehas sawyer Ju^r Col-
lector for y^e year 1785 Town tax . . . 72- 2- 5 -

also one minifter Rate bill for the year 1785

yet Due 27- 1- 1-1

we find in the hand of Afa Perry Collector

for y^e year 1785 Town Tax 103- 7- 3 -

& also one minifter Rate for y^e year 1785 . . 34- 1- 6-2

the Treafurer is to Be allowed six pound four

shilling for money Borrowed for s^d Town

Due to s^d Treafurer in the settlement . . 6- 4- 0-0

we find the following Notes in the Treafurers

hand Due from the following perfons

one Note Dated April 2 1781 signed by Capt

Burbank £3-12- 0

one Note Dated march 9 1781 signed by Capt

Reuben Gibson 3-12- 0

second Note Dated march 17 1783 signed By

Capt Burbank 3-12- 0

one Note Dated march 15 1784 signed By Jo-

seph polley 3- 0- 0

one Note Dated may 16 1783 signed By Tho^s

Hartwell 3-12- 0

one Note Dated signed By francis fullam . . 2- 2- 0

one Note Dated april 8 1784 signed by Jn^o

ferwell 3- 0- 0

one Note Dated april 4 1785 signed by Jon^a

Page 3- 0- 0

one Note Dated march 27 1786 sign^d by Amos

ordway 3- 0- 0

Oliver Stickney	} Committee
Thomas Stearns	
Daniel Putnam	

Laid before the Town & Accepted at sept^t 26 1786 . .

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[283] Worcester fs

(seal) To Reuben Smith Constable for the Town of

(seal) fitchburg in the County of worcester Greeting

These are in the Name of the Commonwealth of
Mafsachufetts to will and Require you in Due Courfe of

Law to Notifie and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qualified by Law to vote in Town Meetings to assemble & meet at the meeting House in s^d Town on wednesd^y y^e fifteenth Day of this Instant November at one of the Clock in the after Noon on s^d Day then & there being Duly meet & form^{ed} to act on the following articles

first to Choo^{se} a Moderator to Govern s^d meeting . .

2^{ly} to see what method the Town will Take to support Ephr^m smith and his family which the Town of worcester hath Lately turned upon the Town of fitchburg for a support or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

3^{ly} to see if the Town of fitchburg will take any Lawfull Method to Gitt Red of supporting the said Ephr^m and his family & Choo^{se} a Committee for that purpose or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

Hereof fail Not & make Return of this warrant to some or one of us on or before s^d Day

Given under our Hand & seals this first Day of November A D 1786

Daniel Putnam	} selectmen for Fitchburg
Paul weatherbee	

Woreester fs Nov^m 15th 1786

By vertue of this warrant I have Notified and warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Quallified By Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble & meet at the meeting house at the time within Directed

Reuben Smith Conftable

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg assembled Nov^m y^e 15th 1786 the meeting being opned & proceeded as follows

first voted & Choo^{se} Elq^r Cowden Moderator of s^d meeting

2^{ly} voted that Ephr^m Smiths and family be Supported by Putting out to the Lowest Bidder by the week . . .

3^{ly} voted that the second article in the warrant be omitted till the evining for vanduing

4^{ly} voted to Chooſe a Committee to Carrey into Execution the Cauſe of Ephr^m Smith and family being thrown on the Town of fitchburg for ſupport and to Releve ſaid town from ſ^d family

5^{ly} voted to Chooſe three perſons as a Committee for the above porpoſe

6^{ly} voted & Chooſe De^a Daniel Putnam D^r Jonas Marfhall & Eſqr Cowden for ſaid Committee to Carry the Matter into Execution

7^{ly} voted to adjourn this meeting to the Houſe of Eſq^r Cowdins for one half Hour the meeting being opned & proceeded as follows the ſecond article taken in hand

[284] the ſecond article taken in hand the vandue opned Proceeded as follows

Jonas Smith Bid of by M^r Joſeph Phelps for 1/9 p^r week Board & Lodge

Ifarel Smith Bid of By m^r Blaney Phillips for 1/11 p^r week Bord & Lodge

The woman & the youngeſt Child Bid of by Cap^t Jonathan wood for 3/10 p^r week to ſupport

Ephraim Smith Bid of By Cap^t Jonathan wood for 5/6 p^r week to ſupport

8^{ly} voted to allow Cap^t Jonathan Wood 3/6 for moving ſaid Ephr^m & wife & Child to his houſe with there furniture

9^{ly} voted to allow Col^o Ebenezer Bridge 6/ for the uſe of his houſe for ſ^d smiths family while he ware Supported there

voted to Diſſolve this meeting

Thomas Cowden Eſqr Moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(ſeal) Worceſter ſs To Reuben ſmith Conſtable for y^e
(ſeal) Town of Fitchburg in ſaid County Greeting Theſe
are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Maſſachuſetts to will & Require you forth with in Due Courſe of Law to Notifie & warn all the freeholders and other of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qualified, By

Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble and meete at the meeting House in s^d Town Tuesday the sixteenth Day of January Instant at one of the Clock in the af after Noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles viz

1^{ly} to Choose a moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} to Here the Addrefs Read that was sent from the Great & General Court of this Commonwealth as is Directed in said addrefs

3^{ly} to see if the Town will Choose a Committee to Purchase Certificates to make Good such abatements as have been or must be abated

4^{ly} to see if the Town will Excuse and Dismiss any of the Late Committee Choose to Gitt Read of Ephraim Smith & family or add any person or persons more to said Committee or act any thing there on as they shall think proper

5^{ly} to see if the Town will petition to the Governor & Counsell in behalf of the Infurgents or Regulators as they Call them selves or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowing thereon to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our hand & seals this first Day of January A D. 1787

Daniel Putnam } selectmen
Thomas Stearns }

[285] At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg assembled on Tuesday the sixteenth Day of January 1787 the meeting being opned & proceeded as follows

1^{ly} voted & Choose M^r Kendall Boutell moderator of said meeting

2^{ly} proceeded according to the Directions of the second article in the warrant to Reed the addrefs before the Town that Came from the General Court

3^{ly} voted to Choose a Committee to Purchase Certificates to Discharge the abatements made or must be made in the state tax in the several Collectors Lifts as Cheepe to the best advantage of the Town

4^{ly} voted to Choose three persons as a Committee viz the present selectmen to purchase said Certificates as Cheepe a may be for the advantage of the Town . . .

5^{ly} voted to pass over the fourth article in the warrant

6^{ly} voted to petition to the Government to have the Courts of Common plea and of the sessions be suspended till the Choice of a New Representative House for the may sessions for a Nother year

7^{ly} voted to petition to Government to Liberate Capt shattick and others that are apprehended By Government on there promising to behave peasible and faithfull subjects to this Commonwealth

8^{ly} voted to petition to the Government that the people may have the privelidge of the writ habeas Corpufs

9^{ly} voted to Choose three persons for a Committee to Draw a petition to send to the General Court for the above purpose viz Phinehas Hartwell Elijah willard & Ephraim Kimball

10^{ly} voted to adjourn this meeting till the 30th Day of this instant January at one of the Clock in the after Noon this meeting is adjourned accordingly . . .

January y^e 30th 1787 the Town meet according to the adjournment & the meeting being opened & proceeded as follows the petition being several times Reed before the Town

11^{ly} the Town voted to accept of the petition Drawn by the Committee & have it sent to the General Court

Likewise the meeting Difsolved

Kendall Boutell Moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Mr Afa Perry of the Town of Fitchburg Gave Notice To The Selectmen of said Town That one seaser Hammond and wife & four Children viz Levi & Perley & patty & marcy moved into the Town of Fitchburg on the Eighteenth Day of March 1787 moved Laft from the Town of Sterling which we the selectmen of Fitchburg Do not admitt of said family as Town Inhabitants But Do order & Desire said persons to Remove forthwith to their Native Place of Resedance for support & Do order the same to be

put on the Book of Records of their Not being admitted
as inhabitants

By order

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

December 20th 1787

[286] (seal) Worcester Is To Reuben smith Constable
for the Town of fitchburg Greeting These are in the Name
of the Commonwealth of the Massachusets to will and
Require you fourthwith in Due Corse of Law to Notifie
and warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants of the
Town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in Town
meetings to assemble and meet at the meeting House in
said Town on Thursday the Eight Day of June Next at
three of the Clock in the after noon then & there being
Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles viz

1st Choose a Moderator to Govern s^d meeting

2^{ly} to see if the Town will Take into Consideration
the heavy Burdens we Labour under in Regard to our
publick affairs & act any thing thereon as they shall think
proper it being Requested by a Number of the Inhabitants
of said Town

Hereof fail Not. make Return of this warrant with
your Doings thereon to some one of us on or before said
Day Given under our hand & seal this 23rd Day of may
A D. 1786

Daniel Putnam } selectmen
Paul wetherbee }

At A Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town
of fitchburg assembled June y^e 8th 1786

first voted and Choose M^r Asa Perry Moderator

2^{ly} voted to Choose a Committee to take into Con-
sideration the Circumstances of the Town as it is Burdned
& Redrefs in Relief thereof to the General Court

3^{ly} voted to Choose five persons as a Committee for
the above purpose

4^{ly} voted & Choose M^r Robert Burnham Daniel Put-
nam Thomas Stearns Elijah willard Phinehas Hartwell for
s^d Committee

5^{ly} voted that the Committee should make a Draught of a Letter to Lay before the Town at the meeting on the Jurnment to send to the Towns in the County of worcester for Calling a County Convention

6^{ly} voted to adjourn this meeting to thurfdays the twenty second Day of this instant June at three of the Clock in the after Noon the meeting is according adjourned

June y^e 22nd 1786 the Town meet on the adjournment the meeting being opned and proceeded to the Buiness in hand

7^{ly} voted to accept of the petition as it is Draughted By the Committee Now presented to the Town and that the selectmen have s^d petition Committed to some faithfull person to Lay before the General Court for a hearing

8^{ly} voted to Choofe a man to meet in Convention appointed by the Towns in the County of worcester to take into Consideration the public affairs of this Commonwealth Likewise made Choofe of m^r Elijah willard to meet and serve the town in a Convention for the above purpose

9^{ly} voted to adjourn this meeting to munday the Tenth Day of July Next at five a Clock in the after Noon the meeting is adjourned accordingly

July y^e 10th 1786 the Town meet according to there adjournment the meeting being opned the Town proceeded as follows

[287] 10^{ly} voted the Town shall Give M^r Elijah Willard instructions in Regard to his meeting in the County Convention to Lay before the members that shall attend in that Convention to Discover the minds of the Town at there next Convening together

11^{ly} voted that the former Committee that was first Choofen in this meeting with the addition of two other persons viz m^r William Brown & m^r Paul Wetherbee shall be a Committee to Draw up instructions for m^r Elijah willard to Lay before the Convention to Discover the minds of the Town Likewise the Instructions to be Reported the Next meeting for acceptance by the Town

12^{ly} voted to adjourn this meeting to the second Tuesday in august Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon the meeting is adjourned accordingly

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

August y^e 8th 1786 the Town meet according to there adjournment the meeting being opned motioned that the instructions be Reed before the town for acceptance article by article the first article accepted second also and the third & forth & fifth & sixth & seventh all as they stand Drawed up for the instructions to meet in Convention

13^{ly} voted to adjourn this Meeting to the second Tuesday of September [12^d] next at four a Clock in the after Noon this meeting is adjourned accordingly

Sept y^e 12th 1786 the Town meet on the ajournment the meeting being opned & heard the proceedings of the Convention and Likewife voted to adjourn this meeting to the first tuesday in october [3rd Day] Next at three of the Clock in the after Noon this meeting is adjourned accordingly

October y^e 3rd 1786 the Town assembled according to there adjournment the meeting being opned to here the proceedings of the Conventions & there petition sent to the General Court Reed before the Town the Town voted to adjourn this meeting to the third Tuesday in November Next at two of the Clock in the after noon the meeting is accordingly adjourned

Phinchas Hartwell Town Clerk

November 21 1786 the Town meet according to there adjournment the meeting being opned to here the proceedings of the Convention the people attending s^d meeting voted to adjourn s^d meeting to the Thurd tuesday in January [16 D] Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon this meeting is adjourned

January 16 1787 the Town meet according to there adjournment the moderator being Necessarily absent the selectmen with the Clerk with the advice of the people prefent a motioned was made and seconded to have this meeting adjourned to the 30th Day of this instant January

at one of the Clock in the after Noon the vote pased for the ajournment accordingly the meeting is adjourned

January y^e 30th 1787 the Town meet according to there adjournment the meeting being opned

14^{ly} voted that m^r Elijah willard attend the Convention at there Next Conveneing & Likewise voted to Defend m^r willard property in Cafe he should be taken in perfon by Government for attending the Convention in Cafe he behaves in a peaceable orderly manner other ways he is to Refk it himself

15^{ly} voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in March Next at four 'Colck in the after Noon this meeting is adjourned accordingly

Phi^s Hartwell Clerk

march y^e 5th 1787 the Town being meet at the time of the adjournment & it was motioned to adjourn this meeting to the twelth instant at one of the clock in the afternoon the meeting is Accordingly adjourned.

March y^e 12 1787 the Town meet on the adjournment then having Recived a Circular Letter from a Committee from Lunenburg Directing to send a perfon to meet a Committe in worcester at paches taveran to Look out Good & wife men to set as senators for the present year The committee is to meet on the Laft munday in march at three a Clock in the after Noon at said patchs Taveran the Town Taken the matter under Consideration & voted to send Deacon Daniel Putnam as a member to meete the Committee of the several Towns in the County of worcester for the Looking out Good & wife men to serve in the senate the present year & make Return to the Town of there Dowings before the time of Choosing said offices

[288] February y^e 15th 1787 Then Came to Live in this Town by the Consent of Doct Jonas Marfhall Benjamin Jaquith & his wife Pheby & family there Names are as follows Benjamin Ifaac Josiah Reuben Afa his sons Daughters Names Pheby Hannah Lydea all Laft from Jeffrey in New Hamshire which said Doct marfhall Gave timely Notice to the Selectmen of said fitchburg of Said familys Comeing to town & the place of there Laft Residence.

we the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg under Due Consideration Do not admit of Said Benjamin Jaquith & wife & family as inhabitants of Said fitchburg but Desire them to Remove to there Native place of abroad for Support & Do order the same to be Recorded in the book of Records

Pr order of Selectmen

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seals) Worcester Is To Thomas Cowden J^{ur} one of the
(seals) Constables of the Town of of fitchburg in said
County Greeting

These are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Mafsachusetts to will and Require you by verble warning as the Law Directs to Notifie and warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to affemble & meet at the meeting Houfe in fitchburg on munday the Nineteenth Day of this Instant march at three of the Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles viz

first to Chooſe a Moderator to Govern ſaid Meeting

2^d to ſee what method the Town will Take to Repair the Great Bridge by Cap^t John Goodridges or act any thing theiron as they ſhall Think proper

3^d to ſee if the Town will Chooſe a Committee to take Care of the Great Bridges the preſent year

Here of fail Not and make a Return of this warrant with your Dowings there on to ſome one of us on or before ſaid Day and Time Given under our Hands & ſeals at fitchburg this fourteenth Day of march 1787 . . .

Daniel Putnam } ſelectmen
Paul weatherbee } for fitchburg

Worceſter Is March y^e 19th 1787 In Obediance to this warrant I have warned all the free Holders and other Inhabitation of the Town of fitchburg to meet at y^e time and place within mentioned

Thomas Cowdin J^{ur} Conſtable

at a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Asembled March y^c 19 1787

first voted & Choofe Daniel Putnam moderator to Govern s^d meeting

2^{ly} voted to Repair the Great Bridge by Cap^t Goodridges Emeadiately in the place Now stands

3^{ly} voted to Choofe a Committee to see to the Repairing of the Great Bridge the Committee Consist of three men viz M^r Afa Perry & Cap^t John Goodridge & Cap^t Jonathan Wood for the over seeing the Repairing of the Bridge

4^{ly} voted that the Bridge be Repaired by New string peaces if wanting & with king posts with Iron Sturrups to Confine the king posts to the under Gurt

[289] 5^{ly} voted to Lett out the Gitting of the Necessary Timber for the bridge to the Lowest bidder by the stick or sticks as the Committee shall Think best to Repair the Bridge and Likewise the Plank for the Covering of said bridge

6^{ly} voted to Choofe a Committee to Take Care the Great Bridges the present year this Committee Consist of three men viz Deacon Kendell Boutell & Ephraim Kimball and M^r Afa Perry to inspect the Bridges and to Repair them in the Cheepest way for the Benifit of the Town

7^{ly} voted to Difsolve this meeting accordingly the meeting is Difsolved

Daniel Putnam moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seals) Worcester fs To Reuben Smith Constable for the
 (seals) Town of Fitchburg Greeting These are in the
 (seals) Name of the Commonwealth of the Maffachusetts
 To will & Require you fourthwith in Due Courfe
 of Law to Notify & warn all the freeholders & other
 Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qualified by Law
 to vote in Town meeting to Asemble & meet at the meet-
 ing House in fitchburg on Munday the fift Day of Next at
 Nine of the Clock in the forenoon then and there being
 Duly meet and formed to act on the following articles to
 wit

first to Choofe a Moderator to Govern s^d meeting

2^{ly} to Choofe a Town Clerk and selectmen & other Town offices as the Law Directs or act any thing in Regard to the Choice of Collectors as they shall think proper

3^{ly} to see if the Town will accept of such Roads as are Laid out by the selectmen or there order or Discontinue any old Road or act any thing there on as they shall think proper

4^{ly} to see what sum or sums of money the Town will Raife to keep the Highways & Bridges in Repair the prefent year or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

5^{ly} to see what meafure the Town will Take to support the poor that are become Chargeble to said Town or act any thing their on as they shall Think proper . .

6^{ly} to see if the Town will abate any persons Rates or any part there of in any of the former Conftables or Collectors Lift or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

7^{ly} to see if the Town will allow such accounts as Shall be Laid before the Town for Service for s^d Town or act any thing thereon as they shall Think proper

8^{ly} to see if the Town will vote the Swine to Go at Large under the Regulation of the Law y^e prefent year

Here of fail Not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us on or before the s^d Day Given under our Hands & seals this sixteenth Day of February A D 1787

Daniel Putnam	}	selectmen
Thomas Stearns		For
Paul wetherbee		Fitchburg

Worcefter fs March y^e 5th 1787

By virtue of the within warrant I have Notified and warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qulified by Law to vote in Town meetings to Affemble and meet at the Time & place with-in mentioned

Reuben Smith Conftable

[290] At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asssembled on March y^e 5th 1787

1st voted & Choofe M^r Afa Perry Moderator. . . . Moderator

2^{ly} voted & Choofe Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk . . Town Clerk

3^{ly} voted & Choofe De^a Daniel Putnam Paul wetherbee David M^cintire Selectmen for the present year . . . selectmen

4^{ly} voted that the Selectmen be the Affeffors for s^d year Affeffors

5^{ly} Voted & Choofe Phinehas Hartwell Town Treafurer Town Treasurer

6^{ly} voted & Choofe Leut Seth Phillips for a Conftable for the south side of said Town for the present year . . Conftable

7^{ly} voted & Choofe Samuella Gibson for a Conftable for the North part of s^d town Conftable

8 voted to Choofe the under offices by Hand votes

9 voted & Choofe Cap^t Jonathan Wood & Phin^s Brown wardens Wardens

10^{ly} voted & Choofe Thomas Thurfton & Joseph Downe Tything men Tything men

11^{ly} voted & Choofe Abijah Goodridge & Hezekiah Hodgfkins & Kendel Boutell & Amos Sheldon Thomas Cowden Ju^r Jonathan Flint Solomon Calton william Brown John Thurfton Ju^r Eliphalet perley for highway Surveyours the present year Joseph Gray & Seth Phillip in the Room of Cowden & Sheldon . . Highway surveyours

12^{ly} voted & Choofe Phinehas sawyer Ju^r John Ozburn John Shiple Daniel wetherbee Andrew Goodel Hogreves . . Hogreve

13^{ly} voted & Choofe Abraham Gibson Ju^r Cap^t Thomas Hartwell Fire wards

14^{ly} voted & Choofe John upton Surveyour of board Claboards & shingles . . . surveyour of board Claboards shingles

15^{ly} voted & Choofe Jacob Upton & Cap^t sam^l Burbank Fence Vewers

16^{ly} voted & Choofe Benjamin Kemp surveyour of Hoops & staves Hoops & staves

17^{ly} voted & Choofe David Parce a Sealer of meafurers & weight weights & meafurers

18^{ly} voted & Choofe Mofes Hale a Sealer of Leather . . sealer of Leather

19^{ly} voted to suspend the Third article till the adjournment Concerning the Roads

20^{ly} voted to Raife one Hundred & fifty pounds to keep the Highways and Bridges in Repair the present year
150-0-0

21^{ly} voted that Every Highway surveyour that Receives a Lift of fifteen pound to work out shall Go with six hands on the Road up by Mr Jacob Uptons to work so in propotion more or Lesser sums the present year

[291] 22^{ly} voted that the money Raifed to Mend the Highways be Laid out as was Laft year by the Hour & oxen a Day & Tools for that service as was allowed the Laft year

23 voted that the money to be worked out that was to mend the Highway by the first of November Next and the surveyours is to make a Return of there Lifts to the Affessors by the middle of s^d November with there Dowings thereon

to ad the Delinquent persons to the Town Rate bill that hath not worked there Rate out that the money may be Collected by the Conftable

24^{ly} voted that mr^s Hart be Bid of at the Loweft bidder by the year

25^{ly} voted that the other poor be bid of by the week while they Remain a Town Charge

voted to pafs over putting out the poor for the present

26^{ly} voted that the selectmen inspect the Collectors Rate Bills on accompts of seeing what persons Rates must Necefsarily be abated & Lay the matter before the Town for there acceptance at the adjournment

27 voted to allow Capt Jonathan Wood his account for providing for mi^s smith & Nufsing said woman in Child Baring which sum is 2-4-0-0

28 voted to allow Mr Blaney Phillips his accompt

for keeping Ifral smith twelve weaks and other matters
as appears by said accompt & Cloathing for s^d Boy . .
1-9-0-0

29 voted to allow Mr Thomas Stearns his account
as an Affessor for the whole of the year 1786 & other
matters from y^e 12 of september Laft 1-5-3-0

30—voted to Let the swine Run at Large under the
Regulation of the Law the present year

31 voted to Excuse Mr samull Gibson from serving
Conftable for the North side of said Town his paying
three pounds to the Town for his being Excused & serves
for his turn

32—voted to allow Paul Wetherbee his accompt for
Necfsary buifnefs for service for the Town . . 0-13-6—

33—voted to adjourn this meeting to the house of
Esq^r Cowdens for one half hours

the meeting being opned & proceeded as follows

34 voted to pay Mr John Ozburn six pound & six
pence for supporting mi^s Hart one whole year so in pro-
potion if she should not Live the year out then proceeded
provide for Mr Ephraim smiths family

first—Ephraim smith Bid of to Capt John Goodridge
to board at 1/4 a week Labour in while boarding

2—Mr^s smith bid of & one Child to Leut^t seth Phillips
at 1/11 a week while she stays there

3—Ifral smith bid of to David Hodgfkins at 1/4 a
week to Lodge & board

4—Eli smith Bid of to william Reed at 2/3 a week
to Lodge & board

5—Lydia williams bid of by Aseph Goodridge at 1/8
a week to Lodg & board

35th—voted to adjourn this meeting to the second
Munday of this instant march at one of the Clock in the
after Noon at the Meeting Houfe this meeting is adjourned
accordingly

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

March y^e 12 1787 the Town meet at the Time of
adjournment the meeting being opned proceeded as follows

36—voted that the Lowest Bidder may be the Col-
lector to serve the present year for each side of said Town

to Collect the publick Taxes they finding Good Bondsman to the acceptance of the Town for the faithfull Discharge of there Duty in all there Collections

[292] 27^{ly} voted to allow Deacon Daniel Putnam his account for services Done in the Towns behalf to march y^e 5 1787 Exclusive affseing bufinefs . . £1-^s12-^d0

28^{ly} voted to adjourn this Meeting Down to the House of Elsqr for one Half Hour

the meeting being opned & proceeded as follows . . .

Jonas Smith bid of by Mr Joseph Phelps he allowing s^d boy two pair of Trouses and one Toe Shirt provided he should stay in Town

29^{ly} Thomas Cowden J^{ur} Bid of the Collecting of the publick Taxes on the south side of said Town at three pound ten shillings on the Hundred pound that he shall Collect & pay in to the Treasurer

30^{thly} voted to accept of Leu^t Seth Phillips in the Room of Thomas Cowden to Collect the Taxes on the south side of said Town at the three pound ten shilling on y^e hundred he shall Collect & pay in where ordred so in propotion for a Greator or Lefser sum he should Colect & pay in 3-10-0-

31^{ly} Thomas Cowden Jun^r Bid of the Collecting of the publick Taxes on the North side of said Town for three pound Twelve shillings on the Hundred pound he shall Collect & pay in where ordred so in propotion wheather a Greater or Leffer sum 3-12-0

32 voted to accept of Mr Blany Phillips & Cap^t John Goodridge as bondsman for Leu^t seth Phillips for the faithfull Discharg of his Duty in Collecting the publick money & paying the same in & where ordred with the County & Town Taxes Likewise

33 voted to accept of Mr David McIntire & Leu^t Paul Wetherbee as bondsmen for Thomas Cowdin J^{ur} for the faithfull Discharg of his Duty in Collecting the publick Taxes & paying the same in & where ordred with the County & Town Taxes Likewise

34^{thly} voted & Choofe Thomas Cowden J^{ur} Constable for the North side of said Town in the Room of Samuell Gibson for the year 1787

35 voted that the bonds be made out and the parties all sign the bonds before the meeting be Dissolved

36 voted that the selectmen or Assessors be impowered to abate any of the Taxes in the hands of any of the old Collectors or Constables that appears not Recoverable & not Legally assessed

37^{ly} voted that this meeting be adjourned to the first munday in April Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon at the meeting House this meeting is accordingly adjourned

April y^e 2nd 1787 the Town meet according to there adjournment the meeting being opened proceeded as follows

38 voted & Choofe Joseph Gray in the Room of Amos Shelden Highway surveyour

39 voted & Choofe Leut^t Seth Phillips Highway surveyour in the Room of Thomas Cowdin Jur^r

30^{thly} voted to accept of Leut^t Paul wetherbee as Bonds man for Thomas Cowden Jur^r in the Room of Amos Ordway

voted To Dissolve This meeting

Afa Perry Moderator

Phinchas Hartwell T Clerk

[293] Worcester Is To Leut^t Seth Phillips Constable
 (Seal) for the Town of fitchburg Greeting . . . These
 (Seal) are in The Name of the Commonwealth of the
 Massachusetts to will & Require you in Due Corfe
 of Law fourthwith to Notifie all the male Inhabitants of
 the Town of Fitchburg of Twenty one years of age &
 upwards haveing a freehold Estate within this Common-
 wealth of the annual income of three pounds or any
 Estate of sixty pounds to assemble and meet at the meet-
 ing House in fitchburg on Munday the second Day of april
 Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon then & there
 being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles
 first to Give in your votes for a Governour
 2^{ly} to Give in your votes for a Leut^t Governour
 3^{ly} to Give in your votes for five Senators for the
 year in suing

Hereof fail not make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us at or before the Day above mentioned Given under our hands & seals this Nineteenth Day of this instant march and in the year of our Lord 1787

Daniel Putnam } selectmen
Paul Wetherbee } for Fitchburg

Worcester fs April y^e 2nd A D 1787

In obedience to this warrant I have Notified & warned all the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qulafied to vote in this meeting as the within warrant Directs

Seth Phillips Constable

At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affemble on Munday the second Day of April 1787

firt voted & Choofe for a Governor his Excellency No

James Bowdin No of votes 5

voted for the Honourable John Hancock Esq^r for Governor No votes 56

voted for the Honourable Benjamin Linclon Esq^r for Governour No votes -3

2^{ly} the following Gentlemen ware voted for Leu^t Governors

votes for the Honourable Thomas Cufhen Esq^r Leu^t Govrnour No of votes 39

votes for the Honourable Benjamin Linclon Esq^r Leu^t Governor No of votes -5

3^{ly} The following Gentlemen ware voted for Senators

votes for the Honourable Abel Wilder No of votes 50

votes for Jonathan Grout Esq^r votes No 47

votes for De^a Joseph stone votes No - 47

votes for Cap^t Peter penneman votes No - 47

votes for samuells Curtifs Esq^r votes No - 47

vots for Isral Nicholas Esq^r vots No - 2

vots for Mofes Gill Esq^r votes No - 1

votes for Samuells Baker Esq^r vots No - 2

vots for Cap sam^{ll} ward vots No - 1

John Fefendon Esq^r No - 1

Seth warfthburn Esq ^r	No	1
Bezelel Tafts	No -	1
Daniel Putnam	} Select men for Fitchburg	
Paul Wetherbee		
David McIntire		
Phinehas Hartwell		Town Clerk

[294]

Worcester Is } This may Certifie that the Several offices
 April y^e 4th 1787 } Required By Law Have Taken There
 oaths as Required by Law & Likewise
 Subscribed the oath of Ellegiance to
 this Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts
 to Qualifie them to act in there Respec-
 tive offices accordingly

subscribed the oath of elegence as Required by Law	{	Phinehas Hartwell Taken the oaths by
		Law for Town Clerk & Treasurer
		Daniel Putnam & Paul Wetherbee &
		David McIntire Taken the oaths select-
		men & Affsors

Seth Phillips & Thomas Cowdin J^{ur} Taken the oaths
 by Law for Conftables & Collectors
 Capt Jonathan Wood & Phinehas Brown Taken the
 oath Required by Law wardens
 Joseph Downe & Lu^t Thomas Thurfton Taken the oath
 Required by Law Tything men
 Capt sam^l Burbank Fence vewer Taken his oath . .
 Fencevewer

David Parce Choofen a sealer of meafurers Taken his
 oath sealer of meafurers
 John Thurfton J^{ur} & Abijah Goodridge Eliphalet perley
 Taken y^e oath Highway surveyours
 worcester Is

march y^e 3^d 1788 This Certifies The Several offices
 hereafter Named hath Taken the oath required by Law
 Phinehas Hartwell Taken The oath Required by Law
 for a Town Clerk

Liut Paul Wetherbe Reuben Smith John Thurfton J^{ur}
 Taken The Oath for Affsors

Reuben Smith has Taken the Oath Required for a Con-
 stable for y^e year 1788

Daniel Ferwell has Taken the Oath Required for a Collector for y^e year 1788

Jacob Allen & Stephen Pingrey J^{ur} Taken the Oath Required for Tything men

Joseph Fox Samuell Burbank Abner Sawyer Taken y^e Oath for Highway Surveyours

Ebenezer Thurston Taken the Oath Required by Law to Serve as Town Treafer

Moses Hale Taken the Oath Required by Law to Serve Sealer of Leather

Fitchburg April 1st 1788 Mr Hezekiah Hodgskins appeared before Esq^r Cowden hath Taken the Oath Required by Law to Serve as Conftable & Likewise The Oath of Ellegiance to this Commonwealth to Qualifie him to act in his Respective office

Fitchburg April 12th 1788 This Certifies That Phinehas Hartwell Ebenezer Thurston & John Thurston J^{ur} Paul wetherbee Reuben Smith appeared before Esq^r Cowden & Took and Subscribed The Oath of Allegiance to this Commonwealth to Qualifie them according to Law to act in Their Respective offices for the year 1788

Phinehas Hartwell Clerk

Worcester fs March y^e 16th 1789 Phinehas Hartwell Clerk Ebenezer Thurston Town Treafer Moses Hale Conftable Paul wetherbee John Thurston J^{ur} Reuben Smith all Select men Did appear before Esq^r Cowden Subscribed the Oath of Ellegiance to this Commonwealth of maffachusetts to Qualifie them to act in there Respective Offices accordingly Recorded P^r Phin^s Hartwell Town Clark

m^r Moses Hale Taken the oath to serve in the office of Conftable

Lu^t Thomas Thurston & William Reed Taken the oath to serve in the office Tything men

[295] Worcester fs To Thomas Cowdin J^{ur} of the
(seals) Conftables for y^e Town of fitchburg in said County
(seals) Greeting These are in the Name of
(seals) the Commonwealth of the Maffachusetts to will
and Require you in Due Courfe of Law to Notifie
& warn all the Male Inhabitants of twenty one years old

& upwards in said Town Qualified as the Constetution Directs to vote for a Representetive to Assamble & meet at the meeting House in said Town on wedneseday the sixteenth Day of may next at one of the Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly meet and formed to act on the following articles viz

frst to Elect and Depute some Meet perfon Qulified as the Constetution Directs to Reprsent said Town in the Great an General Court the year insuing or act any thing thereon in Regard to the Towns Givin Instructions to the said Representetive as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our Hand & seal this Thirtith Day of April 1787

Daniel Putnam	} Select men For Fitchburg
Paul wetherbee	
David Mcintire	

Worcester fs Fitchburg May y^e 16th 1787

In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the Inhabitants Qulified by Law to vote for a Representetive to meet at the time and Place within mentioned

Thomas Cowden J^{ur} Constable

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asssembled May y^e 16th 1787 the meeting being opened the Question being put to see if the Town will send a menber to Represent them in the Great an General Court the insuinging year & it passed in the affermitive then proceed & made Choice of Deacon Daniel Putnam to Reprsent said Town During the Genral sessions

2^{ly} voted to Choosse five Men for a Committee to Draw up instructions to instruct there Repreentetive During the General sessions

3^{ly} voted & Choosse Phinehas Hartwell Rorbart Burnham oliver stickney Elijah willard Afa Perry for the above purpose

voted to adjourn this meeting to the Eigheenth Day of this instant may at two of the Clock in the after Noon

to here and accept of the Report of the Committee to instruct there Representative During the Sessions

May y^e 18 1787 The Town meet according to adjournment the meeting being opned & proceed as follows voted to have the instructions Read before the Town article by article then proceeded as follows article first accepted as stand article Second accepted as stands article Third accepted as stands article fourth accepted as stands article fifth accepted as stands article sixth accepted as stands article seventh accepted article Eighth accepted as stands

Then voted they shall be Delivered to the Representative for his instructions During the General Sessions of the General Court

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[296] Worcester fs To Thomas Cowden J^{ur} Consta-
(seals) ble for the Town of Fitchburg in said County
(seals) Greeting These are in the Name of the Common-
(seals) wealth of the Massachusetts to will and Require
you forth with in Due Course of Law to Notifie
and warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of said
Town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town
meetings to asssemble and meet at the Meeting House in
said Town on wednesday the sixteenth Day of may Next
at three of the Clock in the after Noon then & there
being Duly meet & formed to act on the following arti-
cles viz

first to Chooſe a Moderator to Govern said Meeting

2^{ly} to see if the Town will abate any of the profest
Baptist minifters Rate in any of the Conſtables or Col-
lectors Lifts or act any thing thereon as they shall Think
proper

3^{ly} to see if the Town will vote to Come into any
General Rule in Regard to Carring on the ſinging part of
the public worſhip of God and wheather the ſingers shall
ſing a part of the Time without Reading & how the
pfalm shall be Read wheather by Line or verſe or act any
thing thereon as they shall Think proper

Hereof fail Not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our hands & seals this 30th Day of April 1787

Daniel Putnam	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Paul Wetherbee	
David McIntire	

Worcester Is Fitchburg y^e 16 May 1787 In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg to meet at the Time and Place within mentioned

Thomas Cowdin J^{ur} Conftable

at a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Affembled affembled May y^e 16th 1787 . . .

first voted & Choofe M^r Afa Perry Moderator to Govern said Meeting

2^{ly} voted to act on the second article in the warrant in Regard to the profest Baptift paying the minifter Rate to the standing order

3^{ly} voted to Choofe a Committee to take into Consideration wheather the Baptift shall be held to pay the standing minifter in said Town & make Report at the adjournment voted to Choofe three perfons as a Committee viz Deacon Kendall Boutell Daniel Ferwell Lu^t William Brown voted this meeting be adjourned to fryday y^e 18 of this instant may at three a clock in the after Noon

May y^e 18th 1787 the Town meet according to the adjournment & proceed as follows to here y^e Report of y^e Committee and the other article on hand that was adjourned

4^{ly} voted to Sing five times in the worfhiping on the Lords Day in the following manner the first singing before prayer without Reading after prayer with Reading Line by Line and set such Tunes as the Congregation Can in General sing first in the after Noon before prayer without Reading after prayer with Reading after sermon without Reading

[297] 5^{ly} the Committee Reported that they had Examined the Constetution & thought proper that the the Constetution should be Laid before the Town Concerning the Baptists party in Consideration of thear paying or be held to pay to the Town the minifter Tax &c

the petition Laid before the Town which after Some Deliberation on said matters the Town proceeded as follows

6^{ly} voted that the people in said Town that are profest Baptist that petitioned to the Town in the year 1784 that signed the petition Laid before the Town be Discharged from paying the minifter Rate after said year in each of the Constables or Collector List to wards supporting the Gospel and Likewise samuell Gibson Lemuel Hafkell Semieon Shattick Elijah willard to be Exemted from paying the minifter Tax from the year 1780 . . . to the Date of said petition

7^{ly} that M^r abraham willard be aded to the petition & have the same priviledge as Those That Did petition he Clearing his minifter tax Raifed in 1783 and after to be exemted as the others

The petitioners are Those

Charles Willard	Elijah Willard	Lemull Hafkell
David McIntire	Elijah McIntire	Thomas Gibson
Samull Gibson	Solomon Gibson	Joseph Polley
David whitmore	William Hafkell	Jonathan Page
Ephraim Niles	Daniel willard	Simeon Shattick
Ephraim Howard	Abraham Willard	aded to y ^e petition

the petition baring Date December 1783

8^{ly} voted this meeting Disolved

Afa Perry Moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seal) Worcester Is To seth Phillips one of the Constables
(seal) for the Town of in said County Greeting

These are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maffachusetts to will and Require you fourthwith in Due Courfe of Law to Notifie and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble and meet at the

meeting house in said Town on tuesday the twelfth Day of June Next at four a Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles viz

first to Choofe a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} to see if the Town will Choofe an Agent or Agents or a Committee to Discharge the Town of Ephraim Smith and his family and Secure to the Town the Cost and Damage that the Town hath Recovered at the Last Court against Cap^t Elifha Smith on account of said family being Thrown on this Town for Support

Hereof fail Not and Make Return of this warrant to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our Hand & seals at fitchburg this twenty Eighth Day of may A D 1787—

Daniel Putnam } Selectmen for
Paul wetherbee } Fitchburg

[298] Worcester Is

In obedience to this warrant I have Notified & warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town meetings to Assamble as the within warrant Directs

Seth Phillips Constable

At A Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Affembled on June the 12th 1787 the Meeting Being opned & proceeded as followes

first voted & Choofe Esq^r Cowdin Moderator to Govern s^d meeting

2^{ly} voted to adjourn this meeting to the twenty first Day of this instant June at one of the Clock in the after Noon the meeting accordingly adjourned

June y^e 21st 1787 The Town meet on the adjournment the Meeting being opned and proceeded as follows

3^{ly} voted to Chufe an Agent to profecute and Carrey on the Law sute Comminfed Against Cap^t Elifha Smith on account of Ephraim Smith and family being Thown on the Town of fitchburg

4^{ly} voted & Choofe Doct^t Jonas Marfhell an Agent in behalf of the Town to Carrey the procefs againft said Elifha Smith up to final Judgment and Execution in behalf of the Town

5^{ly} voted this meeting Difolved

Thomas Cowdin Moderator

Phinchas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seal) Worcester fs To Thomas Cowden J^{ur} one of the
(seal) Conftables for y^e Town of Fitchburg in said County
(seal) Greeting Thefe are in the Name of the
Commonwealth of the Maffachufetts to will &
Require you in Due Courfe of Law to Notifie and warn
all the Freeholders and other Inhabitance of the Town
of Fitchburg Qualafied By Law to vote in Town meetings
to Affemble & meete at y^e meeting Houfe in said Town on
Tuesday the Eleventh Day of Sept^t Next at one of the
Clock in the after Noon Then & their being Duly meet &
formed to act on the following articles (viz) . . .

first to Choofe a Moderator to Govern s^d meeting

2^{ly} to Raife money to support y^e Revernd^d John Payfon the prefent year

3^{ly}—to see what sum or sums of money the Town will Raife to support the school or schools the prefent year or act any Thing there on as they shall think proper

4^{ly}—to see what method the Town will Take to provide the Revernd^d m^r payfons wood the prefent year . . .

5^{ly} to Raife money to support m^rs Hart & the other poor that are become Chargeable to said Town . . .

6^{ly} to see what Sum or Sums of money the Town will Raife to Defray there Necefsary Charges the prefent year or act anything there on as they shall Think proper

[299] 7^{ly} to see if the Town will Choofe a Committee to Recon with the Town Treafurer and make Report to the Town

8^{ly} to see if the Town will Choofe a saxon to take Care of the meeting Houfe the prefent year . . .

9^{ly} to see if the Town will Give their Representative any futher instructions in Regard to any matter that shall Come before the General Court at there Next Seflion

10^{ly} to see if the Town will sell the Guns and Boyanots that are the Towns property or act any thing there on as they shall Think proper

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our hand & seal This 22^d Day of August A D 1787

Daniel Putnam } selectmen
Paul wetherbee } for
David M^cintire } fitchburg

In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the freeholders & other inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg to meet at the Time & place within mentioned Sep^t y^e 11th 1787 Tho^s Cowden J^{ur} Conftable

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Affsembled sep^t 11th 1787

frst voted & Choofe Daniel Putnam moderator . . .

2^{ly} voted to Raife 66-13-4 to support y^e Revr^d Mr Payfon y^e prefont year 66-13-4

3^{ly} voted to Raife £45 to support the schools in each Quarter of the the Town 45-0-0-

and that each Quarter Draw there Equal propotion of money as was Laid out for the Quarters Laft year . . .

4^{ly} voted to Choofe a Committee to provide schooling in each Quarter of the Town

5^{ly} voted & Choofe Six perfons viz Ephraim Kimball Paul wetherbe John Thurfton J^{ur} Cap^t Reubon Gibson Abraham Willard Afa Perrey as a Committe to provide schooling in each Quarter of y^e Town

6^{ly} voted to Choofe a Committee to provide Mr Payfon 30 Cord of Good wood the Cheepest manner they Can for the Benefitt of said Town

7 voted & Choofe three perfons viz Afa perry Ephraim Kimball Samuells Burbank for s^d Committee

8^{ly} voted to Raife £30 pound to support the poor the Prefent year 30-0-0-

9^{ly} voted to Pafs over the sixth article in the warrant in Regard to Raifing money till the meeting at the adjournment of the meeting

10^{ly} voted to Choofe a Committee to Recon with the Town Treafurer & make Report at the meeting on the adjournment the Committee Confiſt of three perſons Daniel Putnam Paul wetherbee David Mcintire

11^{ly} voted & Choofe Ephraim Kimball ſaxon to take Care of the meeting houſe

12^{ly} voted to Diſmiſs the Ninth article in the warrant in Regard to Giving Their Representetive futher inſtructions the Nex ſeffions

13^{ly} voted to ſell the Guns & Boynets But after Reconſidered the vote on the adjournment

14^{ly} voted to adjourn This meeting to the 25 Day of this Inſtant ſeptember at Two of the Clock in the after Noon the meeting is adjourned accordingly

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[300] Sep^t 25th 1787 The Town meet according to the adjournment the meeting Being opned Proceeded as follows

15^{ly} voted to Accept of the ſettlement as Reported By the Towns Committee with the Treafurer & to be Recorded

16^{ly} voted to Raiſe ſeventy five pounds as an Addition to what was Raiſed before

17 ^{ly} voted to Reconſider the vote in Regard to Selling the Guns & Boynuts	{ addition— miniſter— ſchool— Poor—	£75— 0—0
		66—13—4
		45— 0—0
		30— 0—0

18 ^{ly} voted that the Guns & Boynuts be prized and Com-	{ Total	216—13 4
mited into the hand of Cap ^t John Goodridge he to Give the Town his ſecurity of what they ſhall be prized at & he to keep ſaid Guns & Boynuts for the Town uſe if wanting for thoſe that Cant provide for themſelves as the Law Directs		

19^{ly} voted & Choofe the ſelect men for ſ^d Committee to prize ſaid Guns & Deliver them to ſaid Cap^t Goodridge

20^{ly} voted this meeting Diſſolved

Daniel Putnam Moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(Seals) Worcester fs To Seth Phillips (one of the Con-
 (Seals) stables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County
 (Seals) Greeting These are in the Name of the
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts to will &
 Require you in Due Courfe of Law to Notifie and warn
 all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of
 fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town meetings to
 affemble and meet at the meeting House in said Town on
 Thurfdays the Eleventh Day of october Next at Two of the
 Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly mett
 & formed to act on the following articles

first to Chooſe a Moderator to Govern ſaid meeting

2^y to ſee what method the Town will Take to Repair
 the Great Bridge or Bridges that is Damaged by the Late
 freſhett or act any thing thereon as they ſhall Think
 proper

3^y to ſee if the Town will Raiſe any ſum of money
 for y^e Repairing y^e Bridges

4^y ſee if y^e Town will Take into conſideration what
 the Courts Committee Did in Regard to Laying out a
 a New Road Near Tho^s Cowdin Eſq^r or act any thing
 thereon as they ſhall Think proper

5^y to ſee if the Town will make any allowance to
 any of the Collectors that have Received any Countefite
 paper money or act any thing thereon as they ſhall think
 proper

6^y To See if Town will petition to the Court of
 Seſſions to alter and Turn the County Road in this Town
 & have it Go By Aſeph Goodridges

[301] Hereof fail not & make Return of this war-
 rant to ſome one of us on or before ſaid Day Given
 under our hands & ſeals this twentieth fifth Day of Sep-
 tember A D 1787

Daniel Putnam	}	Selectmen
Paul wetherbee		for
David Mcintire		fitchburg

Worceſter fs

In obedience to this warrant I have Notified and
 warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the
 Town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town

meeting as the within warrant Directs to assembled an
meet at the Time & Place within mentioned

Seth Phillips Conftable

Att a Legal Meeting of y^e Inhabitants of the Town
of fitchburg assembled october y^e 11th 1787 the meeting
being opned & proceeded as followes

1 voted & Choofe De^a Daniel Putnam Moderator of
s^d meeting

2^{ly} voted that a Committee be Choofen to over See
the Building of the Great Bridge Near Cap^t John Good-
ridges and said Committee be impowered and Directed to
seet Thofe perfons to work that are Delinquent in paying
of there Taxes and are unable to pay them any other way
to the Collectors and allow said perfons for there service
at the bridge the time he is faithfull in the Service accord-
ing to the Difcretion of Said Committee

3 voted that this Committee Confist of five perfons

4^{ly} voted & Choofe Tho^s Cowden Esq^r Doct Jonas
Marshell Afa Perry Cap^t John Goodridge Hezekiah Hodg-
skins for said Committee

5^{ly} voted that the Committee speedialy proceed in
Building of said Bridge and they be impowered to procure
timber for said Bridge & Carpenter Labour as is Needfull
for said service

6^{ly} voted to pafs over the Third article in the war-
rant in Regard to Raifing money to Repair said Bridge

7^{ly} voted to adjourn This meeting to munday the
fifteenth Day of this Instant october at two of the Clock
in the after Noon this meeting is adjourned accordingly

Phin^s Hartwell Town Clerk

October 15th 1787 the Town meet according to their
adjournment the meeting being opned & proceed as followes

8^{ly} voted to Choofe a Committee to petition to the
Quarter fessions for a Courts Committee to Review a
County Road Newly altered by a Courts Committee Near
Esq^r Cowdins and accepted by said Court and see if it
Cant be altered to where it was formerly Laid out & trod
By adding one Rod to the wedth of said Road to Convean
the same

9^{ly} voted this Committee Consist of three persons voted & Choofe Phinehas Sawyer & M^r Robert Burnham & Phinehas Hartwell for s^d Committee

10^{ly} voted and Choofe M^r Phinehas Sawyer as their agent in behalf of the Town seprate from the other Committee to present the petition before the Quarter sessions for a hearing & to Carrey it into Execution and final Determination

11^{ly} voted not to allow any of the Collectors for y^e Countifitt paper money they have Recived for Taxes either for state tax or Town

12^{ly} voted to pafs over the sixth article in the warrant

13^{ly} voted to Dissolve this meeting this meeting is Dissolved accordingly

Daniel Putnam moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[302] Worcester Is

To Tho^s Cowden J^{ur} one of the Constables for the
 (Seals) Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting
 (Seals) These are in the Name of the Commonwealth of
 (Seals) Massachusetts to will and Require you in Due
 Course of Law to Notifie & warn all the male
 Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qulified as the Con-
 stetution Directs to Vote in the Choofe of Representetives
 To Assemble & meet at the meeting House in said Town
 on Thurfday the 20th Day of December Next at Ten of
 the Clock in the forenoon Agreeable to A Refolve of y^e
 General Court of the 20th Day of October Last Then &
 their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following
 articles

first to see if the Town will Elect some meet person
 to Reprefint them in the State Convention to be Held at
 the state house in Boston on the second wedneseday Janu-
 ary Next on the subject matter of the New proposed Fed-
 eral Contetution or act any thing theiron as they shall
 think proper

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with
 your Dowings theiron to some one of us on or before s^d

Day Given under our Hands & seals this Thirtyth Day
of November A D 1787

Daniel Putnam	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Paul wetherbee	
David m ^c intire	

Worcester Is In Obediance to the within warrant I
have warned all the within mentioned Inhabitants to meet
att the Time & place within mentioned

December 20th 1787 Tho^s Cowden Ju^r Constable

Att a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town
of fitchburg asssembled Dec^m 20th 1787 To Elect some
meet person to Represent them in the state house in Bos-
ton the second wednesf in January Next a Greeable to a
Resolve of Court 25 of october Last

first voted to have the Constetution Reed before the
Town befor any person be Choosen

2^{ly} voted to Choofe a person to Represent the Town
in Convention at Boston as a foresaid

3^{ly} voted & Choofe Deacon Daniel Putnam to Repre-
sent said Town in Convention to be Convened at Boston
the second wednesf in January Next

4^{ly} voted to Choofe a Committee to instruct their
Delagate or point out the Expofed Danger the people are
Liable to inconfequence the New Constetution should take
place and Report before the Town their sentements . . .

5^{ly} Voted to Choofe Eleven persons for a Committee
for the above purpose viz Phin^s Hartwell Moses Hale
Elijah Willard Oliver Stickney David M^cintire Robert
Burnham Luther Stone D^r Jonas Marshell Abraham Wil-
lard Revern^d John Payfon D^r Peter Snow . . .

Voted this meeting to be adjourned to the Twentith
fifth Day of this Instant December at one of the Clock in
the after Noon in order to here the Report of the Com-
mittee

[303] Decem^r 25 1787 The Town meet according to
Their adjournment y^e meeting being opned then voted to
adjourn this meeting to fryday y^e 28th Day of this instant

Decem^m at three of the Clock in the after Noon the meeting is accordingly adjourned Plin^s Hartwell Town Clerk

December 28th 1787 The Town mett according to their adjournment y^e meeting being opned to here the Report of their Committee Choosen to take into Consideration the New Contetution or fraime of Government the Objections ware Reported before said Town in Town meeting and Unanimously voted and Likewise voted that the Town Clerk Give a Tested Coppy & vote of said Objections to their Delagate, to present if Needfull in Convention to be Convened at ye state house in Boston y^e second wednesfday in January Next

Voted This meeting Be Diffolved

Atteft Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Worcester fs To Seth Phillips one of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

These are in the Name of the Commonweath of Maffachusetts to will & Require you in Due Courfe of (Seals) Law to Notifie & warn all the freeholders & (Seals) other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qualified to vote in Town meetings as y^e Law Directs to affemble & meett at the meeting house in said Town on Tuefday the Twenty fifth Day of Decem^m instant at one of the Clock in the after Noon then & their being Duly meet and formed to act on the following articles

first to Choofe a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see what sums or sums of money the Town will Raife to pay for Building the Great Bridge Near Capt John Goodridges or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

3^{ly} To see if the Town will Call upon the Committee that was Choofe to see to the Building the Bridge Near Capt John Goodridges to Lay before the Town the account of the Coft for Building said Bridge or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

4^{ly} To see what method the Town will Take to supply the Collectors with money or Certificats that has ben or muft Necessarily be abated in state taxes for y^e years

1781 & 1782 and 1783 and Raife money to supply the same or act any thing their on as they shall Think proper

Hereof fail Not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings theiron to sum one of us on or before said Day Given under our hand & seals this seventh Day of December AD 1787

Daniel Putnam } selectmen
Paul Wetherbee } for
 } fitchburg

Worcester Is In Obedience to this warrant I have Notified & warned all The freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qulified by Law to vote in Town Meetings to Affemble and meet at the Time and Place as the within warrant Directs

Seth Phillips Constable

Att a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fittsburg affsembled Decmbr 25th 1787 the meeting being opned then proceeded as followes

Firft Voted & Choofe Thomas Cowden Efqr Modera-
tor of said meeting

2^{ly} voted to Raife Eighty Eight Pounds four Shillings to Difcharge the Coft of Building the New Bridge Down Near Cap^t John Goodridges this vote Contains the Third article in the warrant is the whole Committees account for Each perfons services £88-4-0

[304] 3^{ly} Voted to allow The Committees accounts for Each perfons service & oxen & Carts as Now Stands footed for Each person & allowed By the Committee which was Laid before the Town and accepted & Delivered To the Town Treafurer to pay out whole Sum £88-4-0-0

4^{ly} Voted That the Town Treafurer Be & is impowered to pay the several perfons that was employed By said Committee their accompts or Give orders for the same on the Collectors to Difcharge their Rates & Take Receipts of Each person of what he pays of his Due The accounts of Each person is Carried of Seperate on the Treafurer Book

5^{ly} voted to pass over the fourth article as stands in the warrant in Regard to the Towns abating any of the persons that Cannot be Collected &c the above mentoned account for building said Bridge is Taken Down on the Treasurers Book as is allowed to each person & is to be paid out by y^e Treasurer

6^{ly} voted to Dissolve this meeting

Tho^s Cowden Esq^r Moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(Seals) Worcester fs To Either of the Constables in the
(Seals) Town of fitchburg in s^d County Greeting These
are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to will & Require you to Notifie & warn By verble warning all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qulified by Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble & meet at the meeting House in said Town on Tuesday the Twenty fifth Day of Decem^m instant at Three of the Clock in the after noon then & their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles

First to Chooße a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} to see if the Town will authorize and Direct the Town Treasurer To Give in Behalf of the Town any New securityes for money where the Town is indebted and is not at present in a Capacity to pay the same or act any thing thereon as they shall Think proper

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowings their on to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our hand & seals this seventeenth Day of December A D 1787

Daniel Putnam } select men for
Paul wethebree } fitchburg

Worcester fs Decmbr. 25 1787 In Obedence to this warrant I have Verbally warned all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in town to assemble & meet at the time and place as the within warrant Directs

Seth Phillips Constable

Att a Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg assembled December 25th 1787

first voted & Chose Tho^s Cowden Esq^r moderator of s^d meeting

2^{ly} voted that the Town Treafurer Bee and is authorized and appointed by said Town to Give New Securities in behalf of said Town where their Debts are Required by the Creditors to be Renewed; and Especially to Renew and Give his security in behalf of the Town for a Debt Due on Execution to George Kimball Esq^r or the widow Dorithy Kimball, Now in the hand of said George Kimball & Give security for the same to the Heirs of William Brattle Esq^r if the said Esq^r Kimball shall a Gree their to

Tho^s Cowdin Esq^r moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[305] Fitchburg Sept^m 24th 1787

Then Reconed & Settled with Phinehas Hartwell Town Treafurer for said year we find Due in The Several Collectors & Constable Hands The sums Hereafter mentioned

We find in The Hand of Jon^a Holt Constable £ s d q
for y^e year 1778 Town Tax 5-13- 6-3

We find in The Hand of Phin^s Hartwell Con-
stable for y^e year 1780 Town Property
state Recip^t 29-12- 4-2
minifter Tax in The same year in The
hands of said Hartwell 10 18- 3-2

We find in The Hand of Daniel ferwell Con-
stable for y^e year 1780 Town Tax The
abatement allowed & Taken out 35- 9- 2-

we find in The Hand of Cap^t Samuell Bur-
bank Collector for y^e year 1781 & 1782
& 1783 one State Receipt Towns property
yet Due in part 34- 5- 2-3

Likewise minifter Tax for ye year 1783 in part
Due 1- 7- 7-0

Likewise a Souldier Rate for y^e year 1782 in
part Due 54-12- 6-0

we find in the Hand of Cap ^t Tho ^s Hartwell Constable for y ^e year 1783 Due Town Tax	13-10- 3-2
we find in The Hand of John Ferwell Consta- ble for y ^e year 1784 Town Tax yet Due .	9- 5- 3-2
we find in The Hand of Joseph Phelps Col- lector for y ^e year 1782 Town Tax . . .	9-15 8-1
Likewise minifter Tax for said year yet Due in s ^d Phelps hand	21- 6- 4-1
A soldier Rate 89-15-11-3 Not all Settled in s ^d Phelps hand	
we find in The Hand of Cap ^t Reuben Gibson Collector for y ^e year 1781 Town Tax . .	54- 2-11-1
Likewise one State Recip ^t Towns property in The Treasurers hand Due from s ^d Gibson in part	18- 6- 1-0
we find in The hand of Phin ^s Sawyer Collector for y ^e year 1785 Town Tax part Due . .	21-18- 9-3
Likewise one minister Tax for said year part Due	16- 6-11-0
we find in the Hand of Reuben Smith Con- stable for y ^e year 1786 Town Tax yet Due	63-10-10-2
Likewise one minifter Tax in said year yet Due	29-17- 6-1
we find in The Hand of Major Tho ^s Hart- well Collector for y ^e year 1786 Town Tax	74-19- 0-2
Likewise one Minifter Tax for s ^d year yet Due in part	30-18-10-2
we find That Deacon John Thurfton Collector for the year 1784 Hath settled	
That on Ballance Their appears to be Due To Deacon Thurfton	£2- 7- 8-2
we find That The Treasurer Hath Borrowed & Gave his Security for The use of y ^e Town of oliver stickney	4- 7- 1-0
And also hath paid out of his own money more than he hath Recived of the Colletor	1-17- 2-2

one Note aganft francis fullam	2- 2- 0 0
one Note aganft Sa ^m Burbank april 2 ^d 1781	3-12- 0-0
Note Aganft Cap ^t Gibson march 9 th 1781 .	3-12- 0-0
Note aganft Cap ^t Burbank march 17 - 1783	3-12- 0-0
Note aganft Cap ^t Tho ^s Hartwell May 16 1783	3-12- 0-0
Note aganft John Ferwell April 8 th 1785 . .	3- 0- 0-0
Note aganft Jonathan Page April 4 th 1785 .	1- 7- 9-0
one Note Against Amos ordway march 27 th	

1786	3- 0- 0
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Note Against Sam ^l Gibson March 5 th 1787 .	3- 0- 0
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Note Against Seth Phillips March 12 th 1787	3- 0- 0
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Daniel Putnam	} Committee For Settlement
Paul Wetherbee	
David Mcintire	

Attest Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Errors Excepted True Copy from The Settlement at
The above Date And Accepted in Town Meeting

[306] Worcester fs To Thomas Cowdin Jur one of
(seals) The Conftables of The Town of Fitchburg in said
(seals) County Greeting Thefe Are in the Name of y^e
(seals) Commonweath of Masfachufetts To will & Re-
quire you in Due Courfe of Law To Notifie &
warn all The freeholders & other Inhabitants of the
Town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in Town
meetings to Affemble & meet att the meeting Houfe in
said Town on Munday The Third Day of March Nex at
Ten of the Clock before Noon Then & Their being Duly
Meet & formed To act on The following articles (viz)

Firft To Choofe A Moderator to Govern Said Meeting

2^{ly} To Choofe Town Clerk & Selectmen and other
Town Offices as the Law Directs for the year infueing and
act any Thing in Regard to Collectors as They Shall Think
proper

3^{ly} To See what Sum or Sums of Money the Town
will Raife to Repair the Highways Infueing year and
Direct How such money shall be worked out or act any
Thing their on as They shall Think proper

4^{ly} To see what method The Town will Takè To

support Mi^s Hart and the other poor that are become Chargebale to said Town

5^{ly} To See if The Town will Accept of any Road or Roads that is Laid out by the Select men or there order

6^{ly} To see if The Town will Choofe a Committee to Take Care the Bridges and Make Preparation for Repairing such as Shall Need Repairing or act any Thing Their on as They Shall Think proper

7^{ly} To See if the Town will Vote the Swine to Go at Large under the Regulation of the Law

8^{ly} To See if the Town will abate any fine or fines which hath been Laid on any perfon or perfons for Not attending Publi^k worfhip

9^{ly} To See if the Town will abate any perfon or perfons Rate or any part their of in any of the Collectors Lifts and act any Thing theiron as they shall Think proper

10^{ly} To See if the Town will Choofe a saxtion to take Care the meeting the year infueing

11^{ly} To See if the Town will Make allowence to Cap^t Reuben Gibson Collector for the year 1781 for some Counteffitt money New Emifion he Took for Rates or act any Thing theiron as They Shall Think proper

12^{ly} To see what Orders or Directions the Town will Give to the Delinquent Highway Surveyours the Laft year or act any thing thereon as they shall Think proper . .

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant to some or one of us on or before said Day Given under our hand & seals this Twelfth Day of February A. D. 1788

Daniel Putnam	}	Select men for Fitchburg
Paul wetherbee		
David McIntire		

Worcefter fs February 16 1788

In obedience to this warrant I have warnd all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of fitchburg Qulified by Law [307] To vote in Town Meetings to affemble and meet att the Time and place above mentioned

Thomas Cowden J^{ur} Conftable

Att a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of The Town of Fitchburg Asssembled March y^e 3rd 1788

First voted & Choofe Mr Afa Perry Moderator of said meeting modrator

2^{ly} voted & Choofe Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk — Present year Town Clerk

3^{ly} voted to Coofe Three Selectmen for the present year & affeffors

4^{ly} voted & Choofe Liv^t Paul wetherbee Reuben Smith & John Thurfton Ju^r for and Likewise affeffors for the present year Selectmen and Affeffors

5^{ly} voted & Choofe Ebenezer Thurfton Town Treafurer for said year Town Treafurer

6^{ly} voted & Choofe Hezekiah Hodgskins for the south side of said Town for a Conftable and Likewise Nathan Badcock for the North of side Town Conftable Conftable

7^{ly} voted & Choofe Thomas Stearns & Amos Ordway wardens for y^e present year wardens

8^{ly} voted & Choofe Jacob Allen & Stephen Pingrey Ju^r for Tything men

9^{ly} voted & Choofe Cap^t Samuell Burbank John ozburn Difmifed Hezekiah Hodfkins Chofen in his Room Joseph Fox Efqr Oliver Brown Abner Sawyer Jabez Sawyer Elijah McIntire Solomon Calton Amos Ordway Stephen Pingrey Ju^r Highway surveyors present year . . . Highway Surveyours

10^{ly} voted & Choofe Benjamin Kemp Stephen Thurfton Joseph Low Ju^r Luke Sawyer W^m Kendall—Hogreves for the present year Hogreves

11^{ly} voted & Choofe Joshua Parce Zacheus Ferwell Fire wards for y^e present year Fire wards

12^{ly} voted & Choofe John upton Surveyour of Boards Clabords & Shingles Serveyour of boards Clabords & Shingles

13^{ly} voted & Choofe Elijah Carter Thomas Gibson for the present year Fence vewers

14^{ly} voted & Choofe Cap^t Jonathan Wood surveyeor for the present year suryeor of Hoops & Staves

15^{ly} voted & Choofe Mofes Hale for the prefent year
fealer of Leather

16^{ly} voted & Choofe David Parce for the prefent year
fealer of weights & meafurer

17^{ly} voted to Raife one Hundred & fifty pounds to
keepe the Highways & Bridges in Repair the prefent year
£150-0-0

18—voted that the Money Raifed for the highway be
worked out as was purpofed Laft year & the Delinquents
if any be to be Returned to the affeffors to be fett on
the Rate bill feafonably for Collecting the money . . .

19—voted that the poor be put out at the Loweft
Bidder in Town

voted that the selectmen put out the poor at the
Loweft Bid and make Return at the meeting on the ad-
journment of their proceedings

20 voted to Choofe two perfons for a Committee to
Repair the Bridge up at Mr David Goodels

21 voted & Choofe Deacon Kendal Boutell & Thomas
Stearns for said Committee to fee the Bridge Repaired in
the prudenteft manner for the Benfitt of s^d Town

[308] 22 voted That the Committee Choofen to fee
to the Repairing of Goodels Bridge make a Report of what
Coft They Shall Think proper to make said Bridge pafable
at the meeting on the adjournment

23 voted That their be a Committee Choofen to fee
to the Repairing the Great Bridg Down Near the meeting
houfe voted & Choofe Oliver Stickney Phinehas Sawyer to
fee to the Repairing of said Bridge & Likewise make a
Report at the adjournment what Coft & what is wanting
to Repair s^d Bridge

24 voted That the Swine Go att Large the prefent
year under the Regulation of the Law

25 voted That the 8th article in the warrant be suf-
pended untill the adjournment of the meeting in Regard
to abating fines for Breach of Sabbath

26 voted to fufpend the 9 article in Regard to abat-
ing Rates till the adjournment of said meeting

27 voted & Choofe Ephr^m Kimball saxtion to Take
Care the meeting Houfe the prefent year & Digg the
Graves for funerals

28 voted That the Countirfitt money in the Hand of Cap^t Gibson that was presented to the Town for abatement be suspended untill he settles with the Remains of his Collection with the Town Treafurer

29 voted To Acept^t of a Two Rode Road Laid out By the selectmen or there order the Difeription of said Road is as follows

Roads

Fitchburg march y^e 1 1788 we the subseribers have Laid out a Two Rode Road from westminster on Land of Daniel Ferwells Till it strikes the Roade that Leads By Thomas Cowdins Ju^r and made Two Alterations one by said Cowdens Houfe and one By Elifha Chamberlan and to have the Road as is Now trod

Laid out by Paul wetherbee & Daniel Ferwell Committee This Road is Given By the oweners of the Land & accept^t as above said march 3^d 1788

30 voted That the Laft year highway Tax of any perfon that is Delinquent payer of said Tax be aded to the prefont year highway Tax when made up & if not Collected that way then to be Returned to the affefors to be Aded to Their Town Tax to be Collected in money . .

31 voted That This meeting be adjourned to Thurfday the Twentyth Day of this infant march at one of the Clock in the affter Noon this meetings is adjourned according Atteft Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

March y^e 20th 1788 The Town meet according To there adjournment

32 voted that Hezekiah Hodgfkins be Excused from the Collectorfhip he paying Ten Dollars to the town

33 voted that Nathan Badcock be Excused from the Collectorfhip he paying Ten Dollars to the Town

Recived of M^r Hezekiah Hodfkins a Ten Dollar Town order

[309] 34—voted That the Collectorfhip be Let out to the Loweft bidder They providing Two Good Bonds-men

35—voted to adjourn Letting out the Collectingfhip Down to the Houfe of Efq^r Cowdin

36—voted That John Ozburn be Excused from serving Highway surveyour & Hezekiah Hodgskins Chosen in his Room a Surveyour for the present year

37—voted to Build The Buttments of the Bridge at Mr Goodels with Stone

38—voted to Put by the 8th article untill the meeting on the adjournment

39—voted to adjourn one Quarter of an hour Down to Esqr Cowdins house.

Daniel Ferwell bid of the Collecting the Public Taxes on the South side of Said Town for Two pound Sixteen Shillings on a Hundred pound so in propotion Greater or Lessor sum 2-16-0-

Reuben Smith Bid of the Collecting of the public Taxes on the North side of said Town for Two pounds Sixteen Shillings & Six pence on y^e Hundred pound . . . 2-16-6-

40—voted To adjourn This Meeting To the Twenty fifth Day of this instant march at one of the Clock in the after Noon
Kendell Boutell Clerk—protempory

March 25th 1788 The Town meet on The adjournment & Proceeded as Follows

First voted & Choofe Daniel Ferwell Collector for the south side of said Town and Likewise accepted of Phinehas Sawyer & Thomas Stearns as Bondsmen for said Ferwell for the Faithfull Discharg of his Duty in Collecting the Public Taxes the present year and paying the same where ordred

2^y voted & Choofe Reuben Smith Constable for the North side of said Town and Likewise accepted of Liut William Brown & Noah Wifwell as Bondsmen for said Smith for the faithfull Discharge of his Duty in Collecting the Public Taxes on the North Side of said Town the present year & paying the same where ordred

3—voted the Lift offered by Capt Burbank for abatement be suspended till he has Settled all that is Due beside with the Treafurer then to have a hearing

4—voted to adjourn This meeting Down to the House of Esqr Cowdins for 15 minits

Then meet & proceeded as follows

voted that The Lift of Taxes offered to be abated for Cap^t Gibson be put up by single sums state tax

voted to allow Cap^t Gibson Eight Shilling on the pound Hard money for 20/ Certificate for state Tax that is abated

Jonathan Rufells Tax abated in Cap ^t Gibsons	
Lift for the year 1781	8- 2-6-0
John Goddard Tax abated in Cap ^t Gibsons Lifts	
for the year 1781	2-17-1-0
Ephraim Howard Tax abated in Cap ^t Gibsons	
Lift for the year 1781	2-12-0-0
Robert Upton Tax abated in Cap ^t Gibson List	
for y ^e year 1781	0-14-0-0
Reuben Willard Tax abated in Cap ^t Gibson Lift	
year 1781	0- 6-7-2
Levi Williams Tax abated in Cap ^t Gibsons Lift	
for 1781	0-11-9-0
John Venen Tax abated in Cap ^t Gibsons List	
for 1781	2-19-5-0
Ebenezer Flagg Tax abated in Cap ^t Gibsons Lift	
for 1781	2-17-1-0
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	21- 0-5-2

To be abated for Phin ^s Sawyer for y ^e year 1785	
Uriah Wilkens Tax abated part	0- 5-8-1
Samull Hill Tax abated whole	0-10-5-2
Berzelel wood Tax abated whole	0- 8-3-2
Jobe Hewood Tax abated part	0- 2-2-2
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To be abated for Joseph Phelps for y ^e year 1782	
Joseph Davis Tax abated	0- 1-7-0
Timothy willard Tax abated	0- 1-7-0
Ebenezer Flagg Tax abated	0- 6-6-1
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	0- 9-8-1

Afa Perry modrator

Phinchas Hartwell T. Clerk

Turn over the other side

[310] March 3^d 1788

at the meeting of the inhabitants of The Town of fitchburg affembled in Town meeting voted that the Selectmen Take Care to put out the poor people at the Lowest & Cheepest manner for support

Liut Thomas Thurston Bid of Mi^s Hart att Five pounds sixteen shillings By the year or in propotion if She Should not Live the year out £5-16-0-

Eli Smith Bid of by Cap^t John Goodridge at 1/2 P^{r} week 0- 1-2-

Liut Thomas Thurston Bid of Lydea Williams at 1/6 P^{r} week 0- 1-6-

March 25th 1788—Recorded by order of y^e Selectmen
Phin^s Hartwell Town Clerk

Worcester fs

To Hezekiah Hodgfkins one of The Conftables for the Town of fitchburgh in s^d County Greeting These (Seals.) are in The Name of The Commonwealth of the (Seals.) Mafsachufetts to will & Require you in Due (Seals.) Courfe of Law to Notifie & warn all the free houlders & other inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in Town Meetings for a Representative to affemble & meet att the meeting Houfe in Said Town on Munday the Seventh Day of April Next att four Clock in the after Noon Then & their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles

viz Firft To Chooſe a Moderator to Govern ſaid meeting

2^{ly} To Give in your Votes for a Suteable Difereat perfon for a County Treafurer

Hereof fail Not & make Return of this warrant with your Doings their on to ſome or one of us on or before ſaid Day

Given under our hand and Seals att Fitchburg the Twentyth Day of march 1788

Paul wetherbee	}	selectmen for Fitchburg
Reuben Smith		
John Thurston Jur		

Worcester fs In Obedence to The within warrant I have Notified and warned all the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg To affemble and Meet att the Time and Place within mentioned as the Law Directs

Hezekiah Hodgskins Conftable

Att a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Legally affembled on April 3^d 1788 for the purpofes hereafter mentioned Then Gave in their votes for the following Gentlemen for a County Treafurer

	No votes
Voted For the Honourable Timothy Paine Efqr .	18
voted For Mr Nathan Perry	5
Afa Perry moderator	
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk	

Fitchburg January 22nd 1790 Then Came the family of Francis Barnes and wife & five Children & was Taken in to my houfe by me Oliver Fullam the Childrens names as follows Betty Ephraim Lydea Sufanna Loral Children of said Barnes Laft from province Land as formerly Called which we the Selectmen of said fitchburg Do not admit of as inhabitants of said fitchburg but Direct that they emediately Depart the Limits of said Town to the Place of there habitancy for support

Fr order Selectmen Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[311] Worcester fs

To Hezekiah Hodgskins Conftable for the Town of fitchburg in said County Greeting Thefe are in
 (Seals) the Name of the Cominonwealth of the Maffa-
 (Seals) chufetts to will & Require you forth with to No-
 (Seals) tifie & warn all The freeholders & other inhabi-
 tants Qualified by Law to vote for a Representative to
 affemble & meet att the meeting houfe in Said Town on
 Munday the Seventh Day of April Next att one of the
 Clock in the after Noon then & their being Duly meet &
 formed to act on the following articles viz

Firft To Give in your votes for a Governer

2^{ly} To Give in your votes for a Linc^t Governor

3^{ly} To Give in your votes for five Senators

Hereof fail Not & make Return of this warrant to some one of us on or before s^d Day Given under our hand & Seals This Twentyth Day of march 1788

Paul wetherbee	} Select men for Fitchburg
Reuben Smith	
John Thurston Jur ^r	

Worcester Is In obedience of the within warrant I have Notified and warn^d the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg to asemble and meet att time & place within mentioned as the Law Directs

Hezekiah Hodgskins Conftable

Att a Meeting of The inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Legally assembled in Town meeting on April y^e 7th 1788

voted & Choofe for a Governor his Excellancy John No votes

Hancock	39
voted for the Honourable Elbridge Gary Esq ^r . . .	12

The following Gentlemen voted for a Liuet Governor No votes
voted & Choofe for a Liuet Governor The Honourable

James Warran Esq ^r	24
Likewise for the Honourable Benjamin Linclon Esq ^r .	8

The following Gentlemen voted for for Senators No votes
voted for the Honourable Amos Singletary . . . 26
For the honourable Peter Penneman 25
For the Honourable John Fezinton 25
For the Honourable Joseph Stone 26
For Cap^t Jeremiah Learned 25
For the Honourable Abel Wilder 12
For the Honourable Sam^l Baker 11
For the Honourable Moses Gill 11
For the Honourable Timothy paine 10
For the Honourable Seth Washburn 11

This meeting Diffolved By the Selectmen

Paul Wetherbee	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Reuben Smith	
John Thurston Jur ^r	
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk	

[312] Worcester fs

(Seals) To Hezekiah Hodgskins one of The Constables of
 (Seals) the Town of fitchburg in s^d County Greeting
 (Seals) These are in The Name of The Commonwealth of
 mafsachusetts To will & Require you in Due
 Courfe of Law To Notifie and warn all the freehoulders
 and other Inhabitants of The Town of Fitchburg Qulified
 by Law to vote in Town Meetings to affemble and meet
 att the Meeting Houfe in said Town on Munday the
 seventh Day of April Next att Three Oelock in the after
 Noon Then & their being Duly meet & forme^d to act on
 the following articles

viz Firft To Choofe Moderator to Govern Said Meeting

2^{ly} To wheather The Town will Comply with a
 Request Signed by a Number of the inhabitants of the
 Town to Raife a sum of money Suficient to Difcharge The
 Town Debts that are Now Due to Sundrey perfons that
 y^e Town are indebted too or aett any Thing Theiron as
 They fhall think proper

Hereof fail Not to make Return of This warrant with
 your Dowings their on To some one of us on or before
 said Day Given under our hand & seals This Twentieth
 Day of March A. D. 1788

Paul weatherbee	} Selectmen for
Reuben Smith	
John Thurston Jur	
	Fitchburg

Woreester fs

In Obediance to the within warrant I have Notified &
 warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to
 affemble & meet att Time & place within mentioned as
 the Law Directs

Hezekiah Hodgskins Constable

Att a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
 Fitchburg Legally affembled on April y^e 7th 1788

Firft Voted & Choofe M^r Afa perry Moderator of s^d
 Meeting

2^{ndly} Voted to Choofe a Committee to Look into the
 Circumftances of the Town on account of the Town Debts

& See what is out Standing in the old Collectors hands not Collected & paid in

3^{ly} voted & Choofe the Selectmen Mr Oliver Stickney aded for a Committee for the above purpofe voted This Committee make a Report att the adjournment of the meeting of their proceedings

Voted to adjourn This meeting to the fifteenth Day of may Next at Three Oclock in the after Noon

Atteft Phinchas Hartwell Town Clerk

May y^e 15th 1788 The inhabitants of said Town meet according to their adjournment the Meeting being opned & proceeded as follows

Firft proceeded & Read the Report of the Committee before the Town as Drawn up by s^d Committee

Secondly voted Not to Raife any more money untill the fall meeting to Difcharge the prefent Debts

Thirdly voted This meeting to be Difolved

Afa Perry Moderator

Phinchas Hartwell Town Clerk

[313] Worcefter fs

(Seals) To Hezekiah Hodgskins Conftable for the Town
(Seals) of fitchburg in said County Greeting Thefe are In
(Seals) the Name of the Commonwealth of Maffachufetts
to will & Require you in Due Courfe of Law to Notifie and warn all the mail inhabitants of fitchburg of twenty one years of age and upwards having a freehold Eftate of the value of Sixty pounds or the annual income of Three pounds to affemble & meet at the meeting houfe in fitchburg Thurfdays the fifteenth Day of may att Three Clock in the after noon then & their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following article to witt

Firft to fee if the Town will Elect & Depute any perfon to serve for and Reprefent them in the Great an General Court or affembly to be held in this Commonwealth on the Laft wednefsday in May a Greeable to the Conftetution or act anything their on as they Shall Think proper

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant on or before said Day Given under our hand & seals att Fitchburg This Twentyth fourth Day of April A. D. 1788

Paul Wetherbee	} Selectmen For Fitchburg
Reuben Smith	
John Thurston Jun ^r	

Worcester is in Obediance to the within warrant I have Notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg to Affemble & meet att time & place within mentioned as the Law Directs

Hezekiah Hodgskins Conftable

Att a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Legaly affembled on May y^e 15th 1788 Then made Chooice of Mr Daniel Putnam to Repreſent ſaid Town of fitchburg in the Great an General Court or affembly to be Convened & held att Boſton on the Laſt wedneſday of this infant may 1788

Atteſt Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(Seals) Worcester is To Hezekiah Hodgskins Conftable
 (Seals) for the Town of Fitchburg in ſ^d County Greeting
 (Seals) Theſe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of
 Maſſachuſetts to will & Require you forthwith in
 Due Courſe of Law to Notifie & warn all the freeholders
 and other inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Qualified
 by Law to vote in Town meetings to affemble and meet
 att the meeting houſe in ſaid fitchburg on Tueſday the
 Ninth Day of Septem^r Next at one of the Clock in the
 after Noon then & their being Duly meet & formed to act
 on the following articles Viz

Fiſt—to Chooſe a Moderator to Govern ſaid meeting

2^{ly}—to ſee if the Town will Raiſe money to Support
 the Revernd^d Mr payſon the preſent year

3^{ly}—to See what Sum or Sums of money the Town
 will Raiſe for ſchools the preſent year or act any Thing
 theiron as they Shall Think proper

4^{ly}—To See what Sum or Sums of money the Town
 will Raiſe to Diſcharge there Debts and other Town
 Charges

5^{ly}—To See what method The Town will take to provide Mr paysons wood the year infueing

6^{ly}—To See what method the Town will take to Settle with sum perfons that they are indebted to or act any thing theiron as They shall think proper

7^{ly}—To See what method the Town will take to Recover a sum of money which appears to be £21-18-5-3 in the hand of Thomas Cowden Esqr former Treasurer . .

[314] 8^{ly} To See if the Town will allow the accounts that shall be Brought in by the Bridge Committee

9^{ly} To See if the Town will make any further abatements in any of the Collectors Lifts

10^{ly} To See what method the Town will Take to Build the New Caseway on the New Road Near Esqr Cowdins which is soon to be opned or act any thing theiron as they Shall think proper

11^{ly} To See if the Town will accept of any Road or Roads that are Laid out By the Selectmen or their order

12^{ly} To See if the Town will erect a Meeting house in the center of the Town or Receive any part of westminster that shall be willing to Join with us and Then erect a meeting house in the Neareft Covenant place to the center or act any thing Theiron as they Shall Think proper

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings theiron to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our Hands & seals This Twenty fifth Day of August A D 1788

Paul wetherbee	} Selectmen For Fitchburg
Reuben Smith	
John Thurfton Ju ^r	

Worcester fs In obedience to the within warrant I have Notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg to affemble and meet att time and place within mentioned as the Law Directs

Hezekiah Hodgskins Conftable

Att a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Legualy Affembled on Tnesday the Ninth Day of

September 1788 the meeting being opned & proceeded as follows

First Voted & Choofe De^a Daniel Putnam Moderator of said meeting

2^{ly} Voted to Raife £66-13-4 to support the Revern^d m^r payfon the prefent year

3^{ly} Voted to Raife 45-0-0 to support the fchools the prefent year and Likewife to have the fchools money Laid out in each Quarter of said Town as was formerly by there Committees

4^{ly} Voted to Choofe a Committee to provide fchooling in each Quarter of said Town voted this Committee Confift of fix perfons for the above purpofe

5^{ly} Voted & Choofe Abijah Goodridge Jofeph Fox Abraham willard Jacob Allen Reuben Gibfon Ju^r John Thurfton Ju^r

6 Voted to pafs over the fourth article for the prefent in Regard to Raifing money

[315] 7^{ly} Voted to Let out the Gitting of m^r payfons wood to the Loweft bidders to Gitt Thirty Cord of Good wood & Deliverd it at m^r payfons Door . . .

8^{ly} Voted to Choofe a Committy for y^e Letting out the Gitting of m^r Payfons wood viz Choofe Afa Perrey David Pratt Phinchas Sawyer for the above purpofe . .

9^{ly} Voted To Choofe a Committee to Settle with Nehemiah Fuller on account of a Note said Fuller has againft the Town & Likewife with Jofeph Fox on account of his Difcharging part of an Execution againft the Town in the hand of Colo Greenlief

10^{ly} Voted & Choofe Afa Perry Mofes Hale Phinchas Sawyer for said Committee for s^d purpofe

11^{ly} Voted & Choofe Phinchas Hartwell Jofeph Fox Thomas Starns John Thurfton Ju^r oliver Stickney to be a Committee to Look into the Circumftances of the money Supposed to be in the hand of Efq^r Cowden former Treafurer as Seet forth in the feventh article in the warrant and make Report att the adjournment of said meeting

12^{ly} Voted to pafs over the eighth article in the warrant for the prefent in Regard to the Bridges accounts

13^{ly} Voted that the affessors act Discrefanary in Regard to abating Mr Edward Scotts Rates in a List Committed to Cap^t Reuben Gibson to Collect for the year 1781

14^{ly} Voted to pass over the Ninth article in the warrant in Regard to abating any persons Rate in the Collectors hand till the adjournment of said meeting . . .

15^{ly} Voted to Choose a Committee to over See the Building the Causeway on the New County Road in Esq^r Cowdens Land and that the whole Town have the Liberty to work on said Road or Causeway their propotional part

16^{ly} Voted & Choose Three persons as a Committee for the above purpose viz Joseph Fox Asa Perry Thomas Cowden Esq^r Voted this Committee Shall view the New Road and Estimate the Cost and make Report att the adjournment of s^d meeting for assessing a Bill

17^{ly} Voted that the Road Laid by the Selectmen for Joseph Richardson & Jese Stevens & others be passed over till the adjournment of said meeting

18^{ly} Voted that the 12 article in the warrant in Regard to placing the meeting house be passed over untill the adjournment of Said meeting

19^{ly} Voted to adjourn this meeting to Tuefday the Twenty Third Day of this instant September att one a Clock in the after noon This meeting accordingly adjourned
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

September 23rd 1788 The Town meet according to there adjournment the meeting opned

First Voted to act on the Twelth article in Regard to placing the meeting house

2^{ly} Voted to Choose a Committee to examine and find out a place to erect a Meeting House in the most Convenant place to accomadate the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg

3^{ly} Voted to Choose five persons for the above purpose Viz Moses Hale De^a Daniel Putnam Jacob upton Asa Perrey oliver Stiekney they Report att the adjournment

4^{ly} Voted to allow the Bridge accounts Brought in by Kendal Boutel & Thomas Stearns Committee on Goodel Bridge Sum total of which is 37-12-0-

[316] 5^{ly} Voted to Raife Forty pounds to make the Causeway on the New County Road in Esq^r Cowdins Land and that the assessors assess the same on the inhabitants of Said Town in a Single Rate

6^{ly} Voted that Those persons that Travels to work on the County Road shall be allowed after the Rate of four pence for every three miles so in propotion and four pence on the spoot the Teams & Carts Ploughs oxen the Same as att other Highway work further addition on the

Second adjournment Voted that the forty pound to make the Causeway be assessed and be Delivered to the Highway Surveyours by the assessors that they bring on Their Squadrens as they Shall be ordred by the Committee for working out there propotinal parts

Second adjournment addition vote Voted that the Highway Surveyours Return there Lifts with the Delinquent payers to the selectmen at or before the first Day of December next to be added to there Town Rates

7^{ly} Voted to adjourn this meeting to Thursday the second Day of October Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon this meeting is accordingly adjourned

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

October y^e 2nd 1788 The Town meet according to there adjournment the meeting being opned and proceeded as follows

Firft Voted to allow the Bridge account Brought in by Oliver Stickney Phinehas Sawyer Committee on said Bridge the sum total of which is 14-12-2-

2^{ly} Voted that the Town Treasurer be and hereby is ordred to pay the several persons that was imployed By the Committies on each Bridge the sum Annexed to each persons Name as Brought in by said Committee and Take Receipts for the same

3^{ly} Voted to Raife Two Hundred & Twenty pounds to Discharge the Cost of the Bridges & other Town Debts exclusive minifters schools County Road

4^{ly} Voted to Refer the settling the money supposed to be in the hand of Esq^r Cowden to the Selectmen which sum is 21-18-5-3 as seet forth in y^e warrant

5^{ly} Voted to accept of a Two Rod Road Laid out for Joseph Richardson Jesse Stevens Joseph How & others so far as the Land is Given & know futher

* Fitchburg June y^e 12 1788 We the subscribers having Laid out a two Rod Road in the Northardly part of This Town Begining to wards the Norardly part of Stephen Pingrey Land turning out of the old Road by a Read oak marked on the west Side Then Runing Through Ebenezer McIntire Land Then Runing through part of Mr Jacob McIntire Land then Running Through Land of Joseph Richardson then Runing Through Land of Mr Jesse Stevens then Runing Through Land of Joseph How then Runs Through Land of Mr Thomas Greenough to asbby Line with trees marked all the way on the westerdly side of the Road

Reuben Smith) Selectmen For
John Thurston Jur } Fitchburg

6^{ly} Voted to Not accept of the Report of the Committee in Regard to there finding a Covenant place to seet a meeting house

[317] 7^{ly} Voted to see wheather the meeting house Shall Stand where it Now is it pased in the Negetive . .

8^{ly} Voted to see wheather the Town will erect a meeting House in the Center of the Town or the Nearest Covenant place & it pased in the affermitive — after some Consideration on the matter

9^{ly} Voted to Reconsider all the votes pased in Regard to placing the meeting House

10 Voted to adjourn this meeting to fryday the Third Day of this instant october at Nine of the Clock in the morning the meeting adjourned accordingly

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

October y^e 3rd 1788 The Town meet according to the adjournment the meeting being opned

Firft Voted to take up the Ninth article in Regard to abating of Rates in the Colletors hands

* Now known as part of Richardson Road. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

2^{ly} Voted to pass over abating Nicholas Danforths Rate in Capt Gibsons Lifts untill march Next

3^{ly} Voted to abate william Clerks poll Tax in Capt Gibsons Lifts for the year 1781 which sum is one pound Eighteen shillings seven pence 2^{qr} £1-18-7-2

4^{ly} Voted to abate william Holt Rates in Joseph Phelps Lift for the year 1782 Town Rate 3/0-1 minister Rate 3/4-1 Claſs Rate 6/6-1 whole some 0-12-10-3

5^{ly} Voted to act on the twelfth article in the warrant in Regard to placing the meeting house motion made to see if the Town will Reft the meeting house where it now stands vote put up

6^{ly} Voted not to Reft the meeting Houſe where it Now Stands so paſſed in the Negative motioned to see if the Town will Erect a meeting houſe on the hill up by Phins Sawyers the Vote put up

7^{ly} Voted to erect a Meeting Houſe up on the hill Near Phinehas Sawyers Houſe on the Land belonging to the Heirs of M^r Ezra Upton of Danvers

voted to poll for a True vote Nays 17 yeas 32 . . .

8^{ly} Voted to Choofe a Committee to Conſult with the inhabitants of the weſt part of the Town and inform them the proceedings of the Town in Regard to placing the meeting houſe to accomodate them & Carrey the ſame into Execution

9^{ly} Voted to Choofe five perſons for a Committee for the above purpoſe & Carreying on the meeting houſe

Viz Reuben Smith Aſa Perrey Phinehas Sawyer Elijah Carter Jacob upton

Voted this Committee to be inveſted with power to agree with the owners of the New fraim Erecting for a Meeting Houſe in the Nor weſterdly part of the Town if that Appears Cheapeſt for the Town other ways are inveſted with power to provide meterals & Timber for Building a New meeting Houſe in the prudenteſt manner for ſaid Town on ſaid Plat of Ground

10^{ly} Voted that the Committee appointed to provide for building the New meeting houſe make a Report of there proceedings at the Next Town meeting

11^{ly} Voted to accept of the Committee proceeding in Letting out m^r payfons wood and pay each persons there Respective Sums annexed to there Name

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[318] October y^e 3rd 1788

A Return made By the Committee appointed to Let out the Gitting m^r payfons wood for the year 1788 are as follows

	£	s	d
bid of by Nehemiah fuller 5 Cord 4/10 each . .	1-	4-	2
Bid of by Benjamin Danforth 5 Cord at 4/6 each	1-	2-	6
Bid of by Nehemiah fuller 5 Cord at 4/5 each . .	1-	2-	1
Bid of by Joshua Needham 5 Cord at 4/4 each . .	1-	1-	8
Bid of by Benj ^a Danforth 5 Cord at 4/2 each . .	1-	0-	10
Bid of by Nehemiah fuller 5 Cord at 3/11 each . .	0-	19-	7

6-10-10

Voted to allow the above sums in Town meeting to each person october 3rd 1788

Recorded By order of Selectmen

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

The Several Sums Raifed in town meeting to Repair The Two Bridges and the Names of the persons that ware employed are as follows

Deacon Kendel Boutell Bridge acc ^t	3-	9-	0
Daniel Ferwell Bridge acc ^t	2-	15-	10
James Poole Bridge acc ^t	1-	18-	6
Samuell Harrice acc ^t	1-	17-	0
Joseph Ofgood acc ^t	1-	7-	0
Thomas French bridge acc ^t	1-	11-	6
Hezekiah Hodgskins Bridge acc ^t	1-	8-	6
John Ozburn Bridge acc ^t	1-	13-	6
Oliver Fullam Bridge acc ^t	1-	2-	6
Jacob Fullam Bridge acc ^t	0-	13-	0
Zacheus Ferwell Bridge acc ^t	1-	4-	0
Blaney Phillips Bridge acc ^t	0-	13-	0
Pelege Battles — — acc ^t	0-	18-	0
William Moredock acc ^t	0-	9-	6
Thomas Cowdin J ^{ur} — acc ^t	0-	6-	0
Jabez Sawyer — acc ^t	0-	5-	0

Thomas Stearns acct	. . . . .	1-19- 0
David Goodel Bridge acct	. . . . .	0-16- 0
Francis Fullum acct	. . . . .	0-15- 0
Nehemiah Fuller acct	. . . . .	1- 4- 0
Nehemiah Fuller Ju ^r acct	. . . . .	0- 9- 0
John Hodgskins acct	0-13- 6
Daniel Harrice acct	0- 9- 0
Joseph Downe acct	0-13- 6

28-10-10

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Ephraim Ozburn Bridge acct	0-10-6
Timothy Fullam Bridge acct	1- 5-6
John Simonds Bridge acct	0-15-0
Oliver Brown Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 3-0
John Ferwell Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 6-0
Jacob Ozburn Bridge acct	. . . . .	0-15-0
Samuell French Bridge acct	. . . . .	0-15-0
Andrew Goodel Bridge acct	. . . . .	0-15-0
David Pratt Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 5-0
Amos Fife Bridge acct	. . . . .	1- 1-8
Jacob Allen Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 9-0
Simeon Ferwell Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 6-0
Abel Baldwin Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 3-0
William Gale Rum for y ^e Bridge	. . . . .	0-10-0
Kendell Boutell Ju ^r Bridge acct	. . . . .	1- 1-0

Goodels Bridge accounts sum Total 9- 0-8

The following Bill for the service at the mill Bridge

Aseph Goodridge Bridge acct	. . . . .	1-14-0
Cap ^t Samuel Burbank Bridge acct	. . . . .	0-19-6
David parces Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 6-0
John Upton Bridge acct	. . . . .	1-10-0
Joseph Phelps Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 6-0
John Brown Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 3-0
Amos Parce Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 3-0
Joseph Sawyer — — acct	. . . . .	0- 9-0
Luke Sawyer Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 9-0
John Putnams Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 6-8
Samuell Frenchs Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 3-0

Solomon Storey Bridge acct ^t wheels in	0- 8-6
Solomon Gibson Bridge acct ^t	0- 3-0

Sum total 7- 0-8

[319] Amos ordway Bridge acct ^t	0- 3-0
Jeremiah Kinsman Bridge acct ^t	0- 3-0
John Thurston J ^{ur} Bridge acct ^t	0- 3-0
Cap ^t John Goodridge Bridge acct ^t	0- 3-0
Timothy Fullam Bridge acct ^t	0- 6-0
Benja ^a Jaquith Bridge acct ^t	0- 3-0
John Ferwell Bridge acct ^t	0-19-6
Jonathan Commings acct ^t	0- 9-0
Hezekiah Hodgfkns acct ^t	0- 4-6
Jonathan Holt Bridge acct ^t	0- 7-6
Paul wetherbee acct ^t	0- 3-0
Samuel Harrice acct ^t	0- 3-0

sum Total £3- 7-6

	£ f d
Daniel Ferwell acct ^t	0- 3- 0
Joseph Gray Bridg acct	0- 1- 6
Jofhua Parce — acct	0- 4- 0
Ephraim Kimball acct ^t	0-16- 6
David Pratt — acct ^t	0- 8-10
Oliver Stickney acct ^t vandue in acct	0-11- 9
Phin ^e Sawyer Bridge acct ^t vandue in acct . .	0- 9-11
Joseph Fox for Rum Shuger	0-12- 6
Joseph Ofgood—accts	0- 1- 6
Abijah Goodridges acct ^t	0-17- 9
Moses Hale Bridge acct ^t	0-11- 6

Sum Total 4-18- 9

3- 7- 6

7- 0- 8

15- 6-11

October 3rd 1788 att a Town Meeting The above accounts ware Allowed

12^{ly} Voted This meeting To be Diffolved

Daniel Putnam Moderator

Attest—Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(Seals) Worcester Is To Hezekiah Hodgskins Constable for
 (Seals) The Town of Fitchburg in s^d County Greeting
 (Seals) These are in the Name of the Common wealth of
 Massachusetts to will & Require you forth with
 in Due Courfe of Law To Notifie and warn all the free-
 holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg
 Qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble
 and meet att the meeting house in said fitchburg on
 Tuesday the Twenty first Day of This Instant October at
 one of the Clock in the after Noon Then & their being
 Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles viz

First To Chooſe a moderator To Govern said meeting

2^{ly} To See if the Town will Vote to such Inhabitants
 as ſhall petition there for The first meeting Houſe that
 was to attend public worſhip in by the inhabitants of the
 Town or act any thing their on as they ſhall Think proper

3^{ly} To See if the Town will Vote to the ſaid peti-
 tioners the Revernd Mr Payſon to Be their Miniſter they
 paying him his Sallary Granted to him at his ſettling
 with us or act any thing their on as they Shall Think
 proper

4^{ly} To See if the Town will Vote ſaid petitioners with
 their Reſpective Eſtates to Bee incorporated to be a poll
 pariſh

5^{ly} to ſee if the Town will Comply with a Requeſt
 of a Number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitch-
 burg to Grant that they together with there Reſpective
 Eſtates & Intereſt may be ſet of from Fitchburg and
 Annexed to the Town of Lunenburg providing the above
 articles Can not be Obtaned

Hereof Fail Not and make Return of this warrant
 with your Dowings there on To ſome or one of us on or
 before ſaid Day Given under our hand & ſeals att Fitch-
 burg This ſeventh Day of October A D 1788

Paul wetherbee	} Selectmen for fitchburg
Reuben Smith	
John Thurſton J ^{ur}	

Worcester fs

In Obidiance to This within warrant I have Notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg to affemble & meete at time and place within mentioned as the Law Directs

Hezekiah Hodgfkins Constable

[320] Att A Meeting of The Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Legaly Affembled on Tuedday the Twenty First Day of this instant October 1788

First Voted & Choofe Esqr Tho^s Cowdin Moderator of s^d meeting

2^{ly} Voted to poll the Houfe on a motion made to adjourn s^d meeting which Vote pafsed in the Negetive not to adjourn

3^{ly} Voted to Give Thofe petitioners that Called the meeting Live to with Draw there petition Then voted to Diffolve the meeting

The meeting is accordingly Diffolved

Thomas Cowdin Moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Clerk

Worcester fs

(seals) To Either of the Constables of the Town of Fitch-
(seals) burg—Greeting Thefe are in the Name of the
(seals) Commonweallth of Maffachufetts To will and
Require you forth with By Verbale Notice to warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants Qualafied By Law in the Town of fitchburg to vote in Town meetings to affemble and meet at the meeting houfe in said Fitchburg on Tuedday the Twenty first Day of this instant October att four O Clock in the after Noon then and there being Duly meet and formed to act on the following articles viz

First to Choofe a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} to See what method the Town will Take for the futher support of of Ephraim Smith who bath Returned to this Town under Necedsetous Circumftances or act any thing theiron as they shall Think proper

3^{ly} To See if the Town will perfue there procefs in Law aganft Cap^t Elifha Smith on to Execution to Gitt Reid of said Ephraim and his family or act any Thing thereon as they Shall Think proper

Hereof fail not and make Return of This warrant with your Dowings Theiron to some one of us before the time apponted for said meeting Given under our Hands & Seals this Twentyth Day of this instant October 1788

Paul wetherbee	} Select men for Fitchburg
Reuben Smith	
John Thurston J ^{ur}	

Worcefter fs October y^e 21st 1788

A Greable to the within warrant I have Notified the inhabitants of the town of fitchburg that ware here prefent to attend at the Time & place within Directed

Reuben Smith Conftable

Att a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Legually Affembled on Tuesday the Twentith first Day of this instant October 1788

First Voted & Chooſe Efqr Tho^s Cowdin moderator of s^d meeting

2^{ly} Voted to Let out Ephraim Smith to the Loweſt Bidder by the week till march provided he Should Stay where he was put out in Town

3 Voted to adjourn this meeting Down to Efqr Cowdins Houſe for one half hour then to proceede Ephraim Smith Bid of by Stephen pingrey J^{ur} at Two Shillings & five pence a weak while he Stays with him

4 Voted to Refer the Third article in the warrant in Regard to Carring on the procefs againſt Cap^t Elifha Smith of worceſter to the Selectmen to Call the matter into Execution by our Agent Chooſen for that purpoſe or by themſelves or any other perſon they ſhall appoint in behalf of the Town as ſoon as Poſſable may be

5 Voted This meeting to be Diffolved & is Diffolved Accordingly

Tho^s Cowdin moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[321] westminster Afhburnham
Recorded on page 323 afterwards

This Day preambled The Lines Betwene The Towns
of Lunenburg and Fitchburg and Renewed the bounds a
Greable to Law

October 23 ^d 1788	John Fuller }	Selectmen
	Jacob welsh }	of Lunenburg
	Paul Weatherbee }	Selectmen
	Reuben Smith }	of Fitchburg

Pr order Selectmen Recorded

This Day preambled The Lines Betwene Fitchburg
& Afhby Towns and Renewed the Bounds agreeable To
Law

Nov ^m 4 th 1788	Stephen Patch }	in Behalf of afhby
	Thomas Evens }	
	Reuben Smith }	Selectmen of
	John Thurston Jun ^r }	Fitchburg

Pr order Selectmen Recorded

Phin^s Hartwell Town Clerk

(seals) Worcester fs To Reuben Smith Constable for the
(seals) Town of fitchburg in s^d County Greeting These
(seals) are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massa-
chufetts to will and Require you fourthwith in
Due Courfe of Law to Notife & warn all the freeholders
and other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qualified
as the Law Requires to vote for a Representative to
affemble & meete at the meeting House in said fitchburg
on Thursday the Eighteenth Day of December Next at one
a Clock in the after Noon Then and their being Duly meet
& formd to act on the following articles Viz—

1^{ly} To Give in Their Votes for There Representative
to Represent The people of This Deftrict which is the
County of Worcester in the Congress of the united States
2^{ly} To Give in their Votes for two persons who Shall
be Inhabitants of this Deftrict as Candidats for an Elector
of the prefedent and vice prefedent of the united States

Hereof fail Not and make Return of this warrant with
your Dowings Thiron to some one of us on or before said

Day Given under our hands and Seals this Twenty Eight
Day of Novembr A. D. 1788

Paul wetherbe Reuben Smith
John Thurston J^{ur} Selectmen—

att a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of fitch-
burg Legaly affembled in Town meeting Decem y^e 18th 1788
agreeable to the Resolve of the General Court

The following Gentlemen ware Voted for to Represen-
tives for the Deftrict of worcester County

	No
For the Honourable Abel Wilder Esq ^r votes	37
For the Honourable Jonathan Warren Esq ^r votes . .	1
For the Honourable Timothy paine Esq ^r votes . . .	1

Likewise The following Gentlemen ware Voted for as
Candadates for Elector of the presedent and Vice presedent
of the united States

	No
For the Honourable Seth warfhhburn Esq ^r votes	17
For the Honourable John Felsondon Esq ^r votes	15
For the Honourable Artemos ward Esq ^r vots	9
For the Honourable John Spragne Esq ^r votes	8
For the Hon ^{ll} Jonathan Grout Esq ^r votes	1

Recorded By order of The General Court &c

Phin^s Hartwell Clerk

[322] Worcester fs

(seals) To Either of The Constables of the Town of
(seals) Fitchburg Greeting These are in the Name of the
(seals) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to will and Re-
quire you in Due Courfe of Law to Notifie and
warn all y^e Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town
of Fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town meetings
to affemble and meet at the meeting House in said Fitch-
burg on munday the Eighth Day of December Next at
Two of the Clock in the after Noon Then & their being
Duly meet & forme^d to act on the following articles Viz

Firft To Choofe a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} To See if the Town will Sett of the Norwestardly
part of s^d Town as a Town Viz begining at westminster

Line at the South west Corner of Nethaniel Sawyers Land including Thomas Fairbanks Benj^a Hartwell Tho^s Carter Elijah Carter the Heirs of Ezra Upton Phinchas Hartwell Stephen & Tho^s Thurston and from thence to afshby Line with their Tenements & Eftates or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

3^{ly} if the Town Should not See fitt to comply with the above Requests we would ernestly Request of the Town that they would set us off as a parifh upon Honourable Terms as may be agreed upon with Being annexed with the adjacent parties or act any thing thereon as they Shall Think proper

4^{ly} To See if the Town will Raife any Sum or Sums of money to Repair The County Road betwene Charles willards and the Town Line or act any thing thereon as they Shall Think proper

5^{ly} To See if the Town will Give up some Beeds and other Houfehold Furneture To the wife of Ephraim Smith which was Brought to this Town with them which are at Mr Seth Phillipfes or act any Thing theiron as they shall Think proper

Hereof fail not and make Return of This warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our hands and seales This Twenty Second Day of November A. D. 1788

Paul Wetherbee	} Select
Reuben Smith	
John Thurston Jun ^r	

Worcefter fs

In obedience to This within warrant I have Notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg to affemble and meet at Time and place within mentioned as the Law Direct

Hezekiah Hodgfkins Conftable

Att a Meeting of The Inhabitants of The Town of fitchburg Affembled on munday y^e 8th Day of December A D 1788 The meeting being opned proceeded as follows

Firft Voted & Choofe Thomas Cowden Efqr Moderator of said meeting

2^{ly} Voted to pafs over the Second & Third articles in the warrant at y^e prefent

3^{ly} Voted to pafs over the fourth article in the warrant in Regard to Raifing any money to Repair the County Road Near Jacob Uptons

[323] 4^{ly} Voted That the wife of Ephraim Smith shall have her Houfehold furniture provided She Takes away her Children from the Town That the Town Receives know further Damages from said family . . .

5^{ly} Voted to adjourn the Second & Third article in the warrant to the Eighteenth Day of This instant December at Ten of the Clock in the morning Then to See if the Town will Seet of the Norweftardly part of said Town as a Town or parifh

Phine^s Hartwell Town Clerk

Decembr y^e 18th 1788 The Town affembled according to adjournment the meeting Being opned the people Ready to attend none of the Requesters appeared to act . . .

First Voted to adjourn This meeting to four a Clock on said Day in the after Noon then to meete

The Town Being meet at five a Clock on Said Day the meeting being opned None of the Requesting party of said meeting appeared to support the Caufe or Defire any further adjournment

2^{ly} Voted to Difolve This meeting the meeting is Difolved accordingly

Thos Cowden moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seals) Worefter Is To Hezekiah Hodgfkins Conftable
(seals) for Fitchburg in s^d County Greeting These are in
The Name of the Commonwealth of Maffachu-
fetts to will & Require you fourthwith in Manner as the
Law Directs to Notifie & warn all the freeholders and
other inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qulified to
Vote for a Representetive to the General Court of This
Commonwealth to affemble and meet att the meeting
houfe on Thurfdlay the Twenty Ninth of January Currant

at Two of the Clock in the after Noon to Give in there Votes for a Representetive who Shall be an inhabitant of the Deftrict of worcester to Reprsent the said Deftrict in the Congress of the united States of America

Hereof fail Not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our hand and seals att fitchburg the sixteenth Day of January A. D. 1789

Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen for
John Thurston J^{ur} } Fitchburg

The Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Legaly Affembled in Town meeting on Thursday the Twenty Ninth Day of this instant January 1789 agreable to a Refolve of y^e General Court

Then Gave in there Votes for the following Gentlemen in the Deftrict of worcester to Represent the people thereof in the Congress of the united Stats

	No Vots
For the Honourable Artamas Ward Esq ^r	12
For the Honourable Timothy Pain Esq ^r	10
For the Honourable Abel Wilder Esq ^r	5
For the Honourable Jonathan Grout Esq ^r	1

In obedience to the within warrant I have Notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg to affemble and meete att time and place within mentioned as the Law directs Hezekiah Hodgskins Conftable

This being seet here by omiting the proper place
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

March 24th 1789 This Day the Line betwene westminster & fitchburg preambilated & Renewed the Bounds according to Law By us the subscribers Selectmen for Fitchburg & westminster

Edmund Bemis } Selectmen for
Jonathan Hager } westminster
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen for
John Thurston Jur } fitchburg

March 24 1789 we the subscribers have this Day pre-ambelated and Renewed the Bounds betwene Ashburnham & Fitchburg according to Law

Samuel Foster	}	Selectmen for
Jonathan Samson		Ashburnham
Paul Wetherbee	}	Selectmen for
John Thurfton Jur		Fitchburg

[324] Worcester fs To Either of the Conftables of
 (seals) The Town of Fitchburg in s^d County Greeting
 (seals) These are In the Name of The Commonwealth of
 (seals) Maffachufetts To will and Require you forthwith
 By Verble Notice to warn all The Freeholders and
 Other inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Qulified as
 the Law Directs to Vote for a Reprefentative to the Gen-
 eral Court of This Commonwealth to affemble & meet at
 the meeting Houfe in said Fitchburg on munday The
 Second Day of March Next at four a Clock after Noon to
 Give in there Votes for a Reprefentative to Represent the
 Said Deftrict of worcester in the Congress of the United
 States of America

Hereof fail Not and make return of This warrant with
 your Doings thereon to some one of us on or before said
 Day Given under our hands & Seals this Twentieth Day
 of February A. D. 1789

Paul Wetherbee	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
John Thurfton Jur		

Worcester fs

Agreable to the within warrant I have warned the
 Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg By Verble Notice
 to attend at the time & place within mentioned . . .
 Reuben Smith Conftable

The Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg being
 Legally affembled in Town Meeting on Munday the second
 Day of March 1789 Agreable to the Refolve of the General
 Court Gave in there Votes for the following Gentlemen
 in the Deftrict of worcester County to Represent the People
 thereof in the Congress of the United States

For the Horourable Artamos Ward	^{Votes}	} Reprefentative to Congress
Esq ^r No of Votes	10	
For the Horourable Jonathan Grout Esq ^r	20	
For the Horourable Timothy Paine Esq ^r	16	

Scaled up & Directed to the secretary office agreeable
to order of Court

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Ephraim Whitney Town Clerk

1764, 1765.

Amos Kimball } Town Clerk

1766.

Josh Cowdin Town Clerk

1767—1774.

1779, 1780.

1782, 1783.

Joseph Fox } Town Clerk

1775—1778.

1781.

1796—1807.

Phineas Hartwell } Town Clerk

1784—1795.

APPENDIX

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PAPERS FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES.

Whereas the Late act of Court Passed for filling up and Compleat-
ing the Continental army ordered a Return to be made to the Seere-
taries office on or before y^e first Day of June Next but Did not say by
whome s^d Return should be made these may Certify that the militia
officers of the town of Fitchburg Have agreeable thei^rto Drafted four
men and made a return to the Colo of the Regiment s^d men to serve
in the Continental service for Nine months

Fitchburg May y ^e 20 th 1778 To the Secretary's office [Vol. 41, page 328.]	<table style="border: none; margin-left: auto;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;"> David Goodridge Phinehas Hartwell Abraham Gibson Elijah Carter </td> <td style="font-size: 3em; vertical-align: middle; padding: 0 10px;">}</td> <td style="vertical-align: middle;"> Select men for Fitchburg </td> </tr> </table>	David Goodridge Phinehas Hartwell Abraham Gibson Elijah Carter	}	Select men for Fitchburg
David Goodridge Phinehas Hartwell Abraham Gibson Elijah Carter	}	Select men for Fitchburg		

An accompt of the several articles Collected from the inhabitants of
the town of Fitchburg for the Cont^l soldiers and the price of each arti-
cle as follows viz

Twenty four pairs of Shoes at 48/- each pair	£57-12-0
Twenty four " of Stockings at 30/- " "	36 00 0
Twenty one Woolen Shirts 60/- " shirt	63 00 0
three Linen Shirts at 40/- " "	6 00 0

Fitchburg September y^e 18 1778

To John Wate agent for the County of Worcester Sr We here send
you the things that we have collected and the price of each article that
we were obliged to give as you may see inventory above We have
taken unwearied pains to Compleat our Coto But through sickness and
want of Help we are Disappointed and Cud not make a seasonable Return
for we new not what we should Collect before. Our Spirite is Good but
our Help is weak

David Goodridge Phinehas Hartwell Abraham Gibson Elijah Carter	}	Selectmen for Fitchburg
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[Vol. 41, page 206.]

To the Honourable the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts In General Court assembled at Boston May 5th 1781

The petition of Abijah Holbrook in the Name and Behalf of Silas Pratt of Fitchburgh in the County of Worcester in the ^{s^d} Commonwealth

Humbly Sheweth that the said Silas preferred a petition to the General Court In the month of January Last praying that he might be allowed His Wages for ten months & Eleven Days which he was in Captivity In New York in the Year 1780 and for the loss of a blanket but your petitioner finds that the petition is lost or mislaid, Your petitioner Therefore prays Your Honours to take the Case into your wise Consideration and as the proper Vouchers Cannot be found Enquire of the Honourable Jabez Fisher of the Senate and Capt Cowden Representative of ^{s^d} Fitchburgh and grant such Relief as you In your Wisdom May See Just and Reasonable as your petitioner In Duty bound Shall Ever pray

Abijah Holbrook

[Vol. 187, page 127.]

To the Hon^{ble} the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court assembled Sept. 1782

The Petition of Thomas Cowdin in behalf of the Town of Fitchburg Humbly sheweth that the Number of Men for the Continental Army by the last Requisition was four Men for the ^{s^d} Town accordingly they have raised three able Men & sent forward to said Army—and suppose that three Men is the full Proportion for said Town according to the Neighboring Towns. And as said Town is ready at all Times to do their full proportion & are greatly Burdened with Bridges & Bad Roads Wherefore your Petitioner humbly prays that this Hon^{ble} Court would remit to the Town of Fitchburgh afores^d the Fine that is already laid on ^{s^d} Town for not raising the 4th Man according to the said last Requisition And as in duty bound shall ever pray

Thos Cowdin

[Vol. 238, page 86.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the House of Representatives October 7th 1782

On the Petition of Thomas Cowden in behalf of the Town of Fitchburg Praying for the remission of a fine Laid on said Town for not Procuring one man of the Last three years Men for the Continental Army

Resolved that the Prayer of the said Petition be so far Granted that the execution against the said Town of Fitchburg for the Deficiency of one Man for the Last requisition of Men to fill up the Continental Army be staid untill the further Order of the General Court—any Resolve to the Contrary Notwithstanding

Sent up for Concurrence

Nath Gorham Speaker

In Senate Nov^r 2^d 1782

Read & Concurred

Approved

S. Adams, Pres^t

John Hancock

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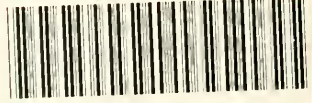
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